

Formulation of A Template for the Victims of Torture

In partnership with Fiji Medical Association and the Disciplined Services, Fiji Human Rights Commission has been working over a year and a half now, aiming to develop a medical reporting template for the victims of ill-treatment, torture or physical, mental and psychological abuse of persons arrested or in custody by the officers of the State, including the police, military, prisons and any other officials with powers of arrest.

This project will be developed with the assistance of the United Kingdom based Medical Foundation for the Care of Torture and Ill-treatment. An expert, Dr Michael Peel of the Foundation will be in Fiji from 11th to 17th November 2004 to assist the Commission and FMA to draft a template to be used by doctors in Fiji when examining persons in custody or under arrest. The template will assist doctors to report on the mental and physical state of the persons brought to them for examination.

Public consultations will be held with the major stakeholders from 11 - 17 November 2004. Please make sure that your and your organisations views are heard by Dr. Peel during these consultations.

Dates of the consultations are as follows:

Suva	-	11, 12, 15, 16, 17 November
Labasa	-	13 November
Lautoka/Nadi	-	14 November

For more details please contact the Fiji Human Rights Commission on phone 3308577.

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