

# The New Fijian Man

## Reactions and Reflections

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# Center piece

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# Critiques

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- Violence – ‘we’re not all violent’
- Disrespect – culture & religion
- Too controversial

# 1077 Child Abuse, Neglect Cases Reported In 2016: Vuniwaqa



## Child abuse statistics raise alarm

Matilda Simmons

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A CHILD Welfare Decree report on child abuse over the past year revealed that most child abuse cases were reported on December 31 last year.

Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Mereseini Vuniwaqa said stakeholders needed to be alert over such statistics.

"Looking at it holistically — this is on New Year's Eve. There's a lot of drinking happening, parents neglecting their children," she said.

"We at the ministry have to think ahead for the upcoming new year. We've got another December 31 coming up. Breakup parties, neglected children, children going without food and children used as buffers when parents are fighting are bound to happen. These are the type of data the stakeholders can use to address the issue in terms of prevention."

Ms Vuniwaqa made the comments at the Children's Symposium at Holiday Inn, Suva yesterday.

According to the ministry's report, 683 cases of abuse against children were reported up until September this year.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS

Nasik Swami

Friday, April 15, 2016

- \* 64 per cent of women who have ever been in an intimate relationship experienced physical or sexual violence or both by a husband or intimate partner in their lifetime;
- \* 24 per cent experienced physical or sexual violence in the past 12 months;
- \* 61 per cent of ever-partnered women experienced physical violence in their lifetime, and 19 per cent in the past 12 months;
- \* 34 per cent of ever-partnered women experienced sexual violence in their lifetime;
- \* 58 per cent of ever-partnered women experienced emotional violence in their lifetime; and
- \* Overall, 72 per cent of ever-partnered women experienced at least one or more of the three forms of violence by their husband or partner in their lifetime.

Source: Fiji Women's Crisis Centre 2013 survey on women's health and life experiences titled "Somebody's Life, Everybody's Business".