


## During the operational period - collecting witness statements and conducting hearings

- ▶ Before conducting **hearings**, the Commission will provide **civic education** on the reconciliation process and ensure that sufficient public notice is given.
- ▶ The Commission will provide **support for survivors** before, during and after sharing their stories and experiences, and ensure that individuals are able to give their views and provide information in **any language** and unhindered by disability, including on a **confidential** basis.
- ▶ The Commission can **examine under oath any witness** and can consider **any written or oral evidence** regardless of rules of admissibility in a civil or criminal proceedings.
- ▶ The Commission can consider whether to **exclude** the presence of a member of **the public**, including the media from any proceedings or meetings of the Commission.
- ▶ The Commission may implement special procedures to address the needs of particular survivors such as **children** or those who have suffered **sexual abuse**.
- ▶ The Commission may consider **specific services** for survivors, including psychological and emotional support, access to counselling services, medical support or access to healthcare services for physical and mental well-being, or protective measures.

## Report and Recommendations

- ▶ The Commission will submit a final report to the President detailing the work of the Commission, the views expressed by members of the public and recommendations for the State's implementation.
- ▶ The State must take reasonable measures within its available resources to implement the recommendations provided in the final report.

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## Purpose, functions and procedures of the FTRC

A national effort to promote truth, healing, and reconciliation after the coup periods from 1987 onward.





## Purpose

To **promote social cohesion through healing and reconciliation**, by facilitating **open and free engagement in truth-telling** regarding the political upheavals during the coup periods from the year 1987 and to promote closure and healing for the survivors of these events.

## Target Group

**“Survivors”** means any person in Fiji or abroad who individually or together with others, **suffered harm in the form of physical or mental injury, emotional suffering, pecuniary loss, or a substantial impairment of human rights** as a result of a gross violation of human rights during any of the coup periods or as a result of an act for which immunity has been granted under the Constitution of Fiji. Survivors also include those who assisted or defended other survivors, relatives or dependents.

## Survivor support



Facilitate enabling spaces and a conducive environment for survivors to share their stories, experiences and trauma.



Facilitate trauma support services, in faith-based or pastoral support, counselling, translators, sign-language interpreters or other support mechanisms for survivors.

## Research and documentation



Examine the nature, antecedents, root causes and accountability for the human rights violations or abuses which occurred during the coup periods.



Consider sectoral impacts of human rights violations or abuses which occurred during the coup periods on health, education, legal and other sectors, without diminishing the emphasis on individual survivors.

## Outreach and coalition building

Engage all relevant stakeholders in the reconciliation process.

Do all things that contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives of the Commission.

## Advocacy and Policy Recommendations



Create a platform for social accountability for acts done during the coup periods through constructive interchange between survivors.



Create a platform that promotes a culture of truth, reconciliation and healing for any person affected by events that occurred during the coup periods.



Acknowledge and promote the significance of cultural, traditional and religious forms of reconciliation, healing and justice.



Recommend policy options or measures to prevent similar situations such as those that occurred during the coup periods, from being repeated in the future.