3. Access to Information and Communication Technologies

Currently in Fiji people with disabilities, particularly people who have hearing or visual impairment or who are deaf or blind cannot access the information they need to and they cannot always impart information easily to others. People who are deaf can not hear important information such as national news, weather reports as there are no captions or interpreters on these programmes. People who are blind are unable to read important public information as it is only available on print which they are unable to read.

Although these rights are guaranteed in,
- Biwako Millennium Framework Priority 6
- CRPD Article 9
- CRPD Article 21
- UDHR Article 19
- CRC Article 1
- ICCPR Article 19/23

Recommendation

- Urge the Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands through the Ministry of information to ensure that all public information is accessible to persons with disabilities.

4. Education

There are no special school offering secondary level education in Fiji for people with disabilities and the tertiary system is often inaccessible. Some students with disabilities are able to access regular secondary schools and tertiary institutions but this is often unusual. Most students with disabilities end up leaving school with a primary education only. The regular schools are often not accessible and do not have the resources to accommodate persons with disabilities. “The Education for All “is yet to be a reality for persons with disabilities.

Although this rights are guaranteed in,
- BMF Priority 3
- CRPD Article 24
- UDHR Article 26/1
- CRC article 28
- CRC Article 29
- ICESCR article 13/1

Recommendation

- To urge the Government of the Republic of Fiji Island to ensure that all schools and Tertiary institution in Fiji are accessible to people with disabilities and to urge the Ministry of Education to ensure that all schools curriculum are made accessible to Children and People with Disabilities.