



PRESS RELEASE

Scammers Allegedly Selling Food Assistance Forms

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The Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) is now investigating an alleged scam by individuals posing as Government officials and selling food assistance forms.

The Commission has cautioned Fijian consumers about being misled by individuals claiming to provide assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FCCC received an email from a concerned consumer in Nadi regarding a form that was being distributed in Nadi market on 9 June 2020 by several people claiming to represent the Fijian Government.

These individuals allegedly charged \$1 for each food assistance form, citing transportation costs to lodge the forms in Lautoka.

“Unfortunately, some unscrupulous individuals are taking advantage of the current situation to exploit vulnerable Fijians with promises of help,” said FCCC CEO, Joel Abraham.

“Fijian consumers need to be careful and watch out for unethical people looking to make easy money. Please get all your information from verified sources like the FCCC and Fijian Government social media pages.”

Fijians are reminded that FCCC is not giving out food vouchers - the Veilomani Food Bank is managed by the Ministry of Housing and Community Development under phase 2 of the project.

For complaints, please go to FCCC.APP, contact FCCC on 8921991 or visit the website: www.fccc.gov.fj.

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