

VII. ICH Transmission System

1. Government supported system

Government has yet to implement a Living Human Treasures System. This is still in consultation stages at this juncture.

2. Non-government supported system

1) Community Leaders Training Program (Chiefs and Elders)

This statutory organization mandated to support projects that promote indigenous Fijian language and culture, has been instrumental in supporting financially efforts by the iTaukei Affairs Board and the Institute of Applied Sciences of the University of the South Pacific Society in a training program for traditional and community leaders. The program was delivered over five years from 2009-2014 at the provincial and district levels throughout Fiji covering all of Fiji's fourteen provinces and the districts therein. While the training workshops rediscovered and encouraged the knowledge and practice of traditional leadership and management, they also facilitated the awareness of the principles of governance and the religious beliefs of wellbeing. The workshops also served as venues for the community members to expose what they view as leadership problems.

2) Fijian language Course at the University of the South Pacific

In the effort to equip school teachers with the necessary qualification to teach the Fijian language in schools, the iTaukei Trust Fund Board paid tuition fees for teachers to be trained in Fijian linguistics and culture so that they could teach the school children they teach about the Fijian language and culture. The teachers would commit their term breaks to taking flexible summer or winter courses so that three courses could be completed in one year. The first cohort of teachers graduated with the Diploma in Pacific Vernacular, Fijian in March 2014 after taking course towards the Diploma from 2012 to 2014¹. The second cohort of teachers will start the Diploma programme in 2016.

¹ Draft 'Completion report on the Teachers' Cohort Project'