



## National Anti-Money Laundering Council

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## **FIJI IMPROVES IT'S UNDERSTANDING OF FINANCIAL CRIME THREATS, VULNERABILITIES AND RISKS**

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Fiji recently completed a national risk assessment to identify, assess and understand its risk for Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Financing. This national risk assessment (NRA) was conducted by the National Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Council, a body consisting of the Permanent Secretary for Justice and the heads of the Reserve Bank of Fiji, Fiji Police Force, Fiji Revenue and Customs Service, Financial Intelligence Unit and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The NRA Report was endorsed by the National AML Council in late 2025, marking a significant milestone in the country's ongoing efforts to strengthen its Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) framework. The NRA report provides a comprehensive analysis of Fiji's exposure to financial crime threats and identifies vulnerabilities within the financial sector.

The NRA concluded that Fiji faces a high risk of money laundering. This is driven by five high crime threats namely, narcotics related offences, participation in organised crime, taxation and customs-related crimes, environmental crimes, and bribery and corruption. The NRA also assessed the money laundering risk across 25 economic sectors in Fiji. The five sectors that have been assessed as highly vulnerable to money laundering are the commercial banks, foreign exchange dealers and money changers, payment service providers, legal practitioners and real estate agents. Their high transaction volumes, diverse customer profiles, and multiple products/channels contribute to the vulnerabilities in these sectors. There are other financial and business sectors in Fiji that are vulnerable to money laundering and terrorist financing. However, these sectors were assessed as having a medium to low residual vulnerabilities to these risks.

The NRA assessed Fiji's overall terrorist financing risk as low primarily due to a low threat environment and the presence of institutional, legal and other measures that act as controls to address any terrorist financing threat. Fiji's overall proliferation financing risk, or risk of evasion of financial sanctions related to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Iran is assessed as low.

The completion of this risk assessment reflects the National AML Council's commitment to protecting the integrity of Fiji's financial system and enhancing the country's compliance with international anti-money laundering standards, particularly those set by the Financial Action Task Force.

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Ms Selina Kuruleca, the Chairperson of the National AML Council said that “the completion of Fiji’s National Risk Assessment is a big step forward in making our financial system stronger and more transparent. This assessment gives law enforcement agencies and key institutions a stronger understanding of risks and a clear roadmap to identify serious criminal threats and weak spots in the system. It helps them focus their resources on key priorities and put in place smart, risk-based policies.”

In response to the finding of this risk assessment, the National AML Council has updated Fiji’s national policy which outlines Fiji’s broad strategies for mitigating the identified risks. The Council will continue to work in partnership with all relevant stakeholders from government, private and civil society organisations in ensuring the effective implementation of strategic priorities for risk mitigation.

Selina Kuruleca  
Chairperson  
National Anti-Money Laundering Council & Permanent Secretary for Justice

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Click to download a copy of Fiji’s 2025 National Risk Assessment on Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Financing: [Fiji’s 2025 National Risk Assessment](#)

Click to download a copy of the National Policy on Preventing Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing: [Fiji Financial Intelligence Unit - National Policy](#)

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