



## CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights<sup>1</sup>

**Name of Organisation:** Fiji Media Watch

**Website of Organisation:** <https://fijimediawatch3.wordpress.com/>

**Facebook of Organisation:** <https://www.facebook.com/fijimediawatch/>

**Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N:** Yes

In June 1993, Fiji Media Watch began as a media monitoring body and a forum for addressing media concerns in Fiji. Years later, members of the Fiji Media Watch came to realise the need to raise awareness on how to use media. They wanted to build knowledge on how to use media when advocating for rights. Part of this 'media education' involves educating an individual's right to freedom of expression as well as their right to information.

Fiji Media Watch conducts media education programs, visiting schools, tertiary institutions and communities. Their activities include workshops with community leaders, educators and journalists. They also carry out research, and utilise social media to publish their work and encourage civic engagement. Fiji Media Watch focuses on the rights of children and young people. They endeavour to protect children and young people from abuse and backlash when they use media to voice their concerns.

The target audience of Fiji Media Watch programs includes students, teachers, women's groups and youth. Fiji Media Watch meets regularly with journalists, editors and news directors. They also monitor the newspapers and television platforms on social justice issues such as elections, child protection, policies and media materials that are offensive. The media monitoring programs are run by volunteers and in-house team.

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