

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# FSC introduces Water Tankers to enhance irrigation efforts

To assist with sugar cane cultivation during the dry season, FSC have acquired twenty 2500 litre mobile water tankers. These mobile water tankers can be used by sugarcane farmers to irrigate their crops, particularly for newly planted seed cane, which will enhance germination.

The introduction of these water tankers will meet some of the irrigation needs faced by sugarcane farmers. And it will be handy during extended dry weather periods, a bonus for growers to enable them to continue their planting momentum during these dry spells.

Few weeks ago, the FSC Agricultural Services team tested the new water tankers at the FSC estate farms in Drasa. Farm demonstrations have also been carried out prior the tankers' distribution to FSC Sector Offices.

FSC CEO Graham Clark says "the tankers are an initial step towards supplementary irrigation for the sugar industry and if these work out well this year, we will be ordering more in the coming years".



*Left:* Agricultural Services Team testing out the Water Tankers at FSC's Drasa farm, located on the outskirts of Lautoka city.

*Right:* Agricultural Services Team testing out the Water Tankers earlier this month.



The proposed distribution of these water tankers is outlined in the table below:

Mill Region	District	No. of Units	Deployment
<b>LAUTOKA</b>	Lautoka	2	Lautoka sectors to share
	Nadi	2	Navu Sector Office
	Sigatoka	1	Cuvu Sector Office
<b>RARAWAI</b>	Ba	3	Rarawai sectors to share
	Tavua	2	Tavua Sector Office
<b>PENANG</b>	Ra	2	Penang sectors to share
<b>LABASA</b>	Labasa District	4	Labasa district sectors
	Wainikoro/Daku	1	Sector Office
	Seaqqa	3	Seaqqa Sector Office
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20</b>	

The water tanker hire rates will be made available at all FSC Sector Offices.

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