



Press Release

Nasomo Landowners Receive their Fourth Royalty Payment

03/07/2019 – On this day at 11a.m. **A total of 123 landowners** were given the payout for gold and silver mined by the Vatukoula Gold Mines Ltd under Nasomo Trust land.

The Nasomo Landowners Trust in Tavua was paid a sum of \$46,400 by the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources as the fourth payment of their fair share royalties.

“I would like to thank the Government of the day for giving this gift to the Nasomo people through the Royalty Payment”

These were the words of the Turaga-Ni-Koro of Nasomo village, Mr. Viliame Rokoraiba during the issuance of the fourth payment of their mineral royalty fair share.

Another recipient, a 63 year old woman, Adi Vulori Savori also thanked the current Government for this initiative as the royalty money contributes to her daily living.

The Manager of the Mining Division within the Ministry; Mr. Raymond Mohammed confirmed during the payout that since the fair share of mineral royalties were enacted in May 2018, inclusive of the fourth payment; the current Government has paid out approximately FJ\$230,000 as fair share of mineral royalties mined or extracted by the Vatukoula Gold Mines Ltd from under the Nasomo Trust Land.

“The Nasomo Landowners Trust will continue to receive gold and silver royalty payout as long as the Vatukoula Gold Mines Limited remains in operation,” Mr. Mohammed said.

“I humbly request, that as the recipients of mineral royalty fair share, and given that mineral is a non-renewable resource, that you sustainably manage these funds to ensure that you and your future generation continue to reap the benefits of these mineral royalties in the near future,” Manager Mines requested the Nasomo Landowners.

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