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Name : Hon. Dr. Jiko Fatafehi Luveni

Dr. Luveni graduated as the first woman dentist from the Fiji School of Medicine as well as from the University of Sydney. She served as a dentist in all Divisions in Fiji for 20 years with special interest in Public Health Dentistry. She was also a tutor in Public Health Dentistry at the Fiji School of Medicine.

In 1988, she worked as a Program management officer for the United Nations Population Fund, for 15 years serving various Pacific island countries. She took early retirement to enable her to focus on providing service to Fiji.

Subsequently, Dr. Luveni worked as the HIV/AIDS Project Officer for the Ministry of Health for five years. In this role, she helped set up the organization, Fiji Network for People Living with HIV and AIDS, that played an effective role in reducing fear and discrimination against people living with HIV and AIDS throughout Fiji.

Dr. Luveni had a most rewarding experience working as the Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Poverty Alleviation for 8 years before the General Election in 2014 when she was elected as the Speaker for the Parliament of Fiji. This appointment marked an important event being the first female Speaker in Fiji.