

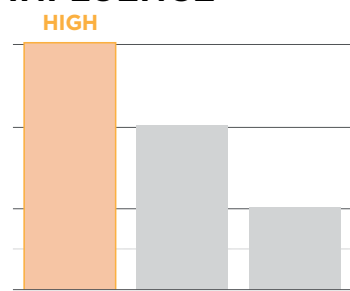
# Women's role in Fiji's constitution drafting process (2012)



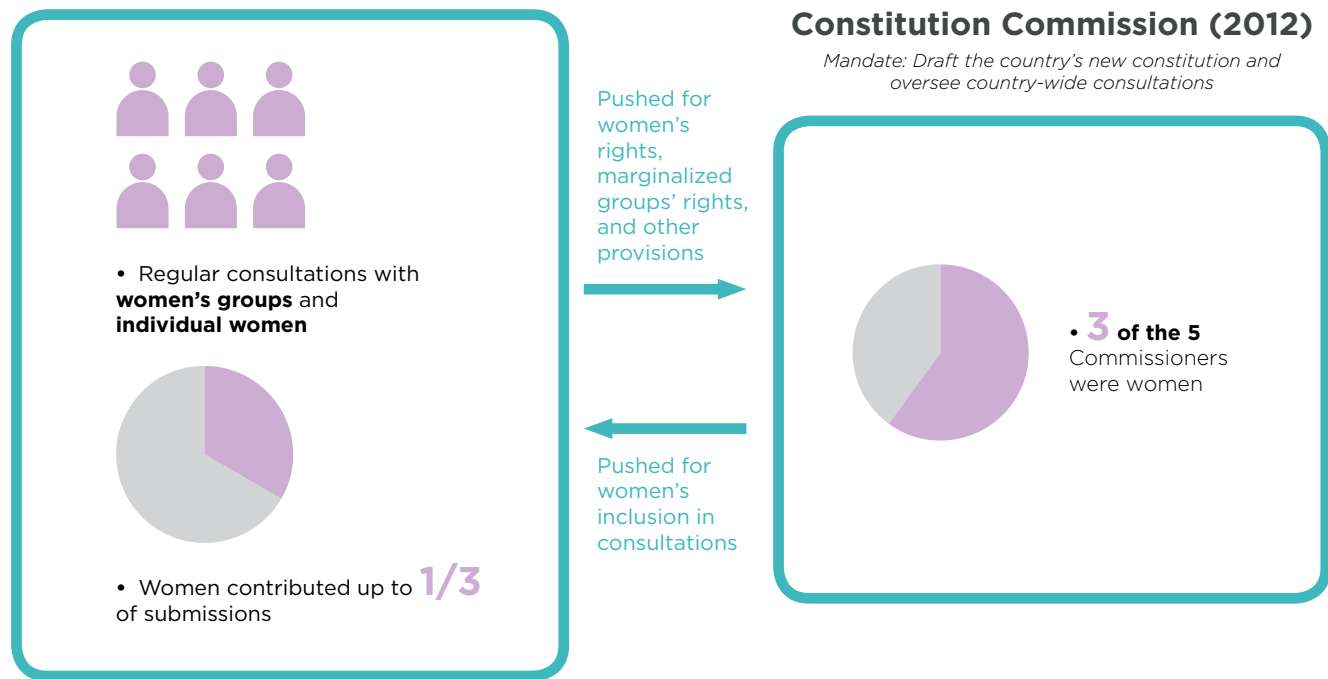
## BACKGROUND ON FIJI'S CONSTITUTION DRAFTING PROCESS (2012)

The military Government decreed a constitution-drafting process in 2012. The Constitution Commission set up to draft the country's new Constitution oversaw a transparent and inclusive process, involving participants from diverse racial, ethnic, gender, age, geographic, socio-political, and economic groups. The resulting draft was a long and ambitious document that emphasized multiculturalism, national unity, and trust, and a just and fair government. However, in 2013 the Government rejected the draft constitution, and wrote a new version via a more opaque and less inclusive process, which remains in place today.

## WOMEN'S INFLUENCE



## WOMEN'S INCLUSION IN THE PROCESS



## WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PROCESS

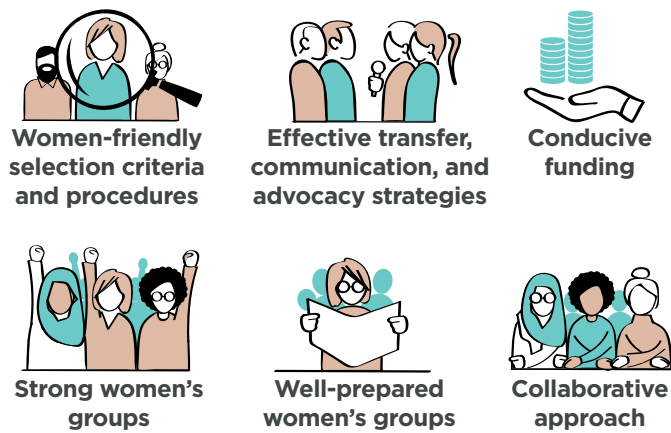
- ➡ The Constitution Commission and women's groups ensured that thousands of women contributed to the Commission's public consultation process:

  - The majority-women Constitution Commission provided geographic, ethnic, and rural/urban reach, ensuring the inclusion of historically excluded or marginalized groups. It also set up an online consultation platform, and used SMS to communicate
  - Women's organizations and the Commission carried out training and awareness raising to enable women's participation

➡ Women's organizations influenced the Commission's thinking on issues including the rights of women, minority groups, children, and youth, access to information, and the structure of the government

➡ Provisions on human rights and gender equality were integrated into the draft constitution

### + FACTORS ENABLING WOMEN'S INFLUENCE



### - FACTORS CONSTRAINING WOMEN'S INFLUENCE



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