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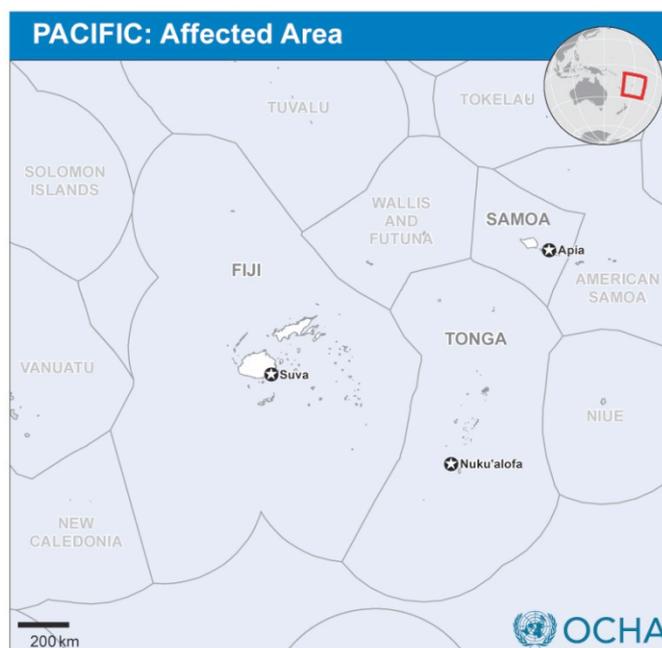
## Highlights

- Evacuation Centers in Fiji are currently hosting 13,976 people.
- Initial assessments by Fiji Red Cross Society indicate that as many as 600 houses have been severely damaged in Lautoka alone.
- Power has been restored to 90 percent of the Central and Western Divisions of Fiji.
- Ministry of Police in Samoa has confirmed that the number of casualties has risen to five with 12 people still missing.
- 4,858 people remain in Evacuation Centers in Samoa.

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Samoa

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## Situation Overview

### Samoa

The National Disaster Council has spent WS\$400,000 to date on the relief effort. Prime Minister Tuilaepa has made clear his intention to roll out a suite of assistance to help communities to return home and rebuild. In a media interview he suggested that the cost of recovery could reach WS\$300 million, approximately US\$132 million with the most costly expenses likely to be the rebuilding of schools, roads and restoration of power lines.

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The number of evacuees in Evacuation Centers has begun to decrease. The main concerns for those still in Evacuation Centers are the availability of food, water for drinking and water for sanitation purposes.

A week after Tropical Cyclone (TC) Evan passed over Samoa, parts of the country are still without water or electricity with concerns that water borne diseases could become more prevalent.

Overall, there were no major damages caused by TC Evan in Savai'i. There were only minor bursts of connections and meters from falling trees and debris and some minor structural damage to houses.

The findings of the Initial Damage Assessment will be released tomorrow.

### Wallis and Futuna

TC Evan was upgraded to a Category 4 tropical cyclone on 15 December just as it passed on the top of Wallis Island, part of the French Territory of Wallis and Futuna. There were no reported deaths, although two people were injured. Wallis felt more of a direct impact than Futuna, with damage mostly sustained to roads and buildings. There were also damages reported to the airport, radio and television stations, warehouses and hospital. The

Government has restored electricity and water services and the hospital is now functioning. Approximately 250 families have been affected as their houses were damaged.

The French Red Cross immediately sent 250 tarpaulins and 20 shelter kits from New Caledonia. The French Red Cross continues to support in close coordination with the French state and local authorities.

## Fiji

Life is coming back to normal in large parts of Fiji. While damages are less than feared in Northern and Central divisions, the Western Division is heavily hit by TC Evan. Following Prime Minister Bainimarama's visit to affected communities, a State of Natural Disaster was declared for the Northern and Western Divisions effective for the next 15 days.

Assessments have begun, with the Fiji Red Cross Society estimating that 600 houses in Lautoka alone have suffered significant damage.

Following prolonged rainfall and the Rewa River breaking its banks, a flood warning remains in force for Wailotua, Navolau and Nairukuruku Villages and low lying areas near Nausori.

Images from Aerial Assessments from the Fijian Government and P3 Orion made available by the New Zealand can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

A [Crowd Map](#) for Tropical Cyclone Evan in Fiji is now live with over 50 reports.

## General Coordination

### Samoa

The National Emergency Operations Centre continues to coordinate response to the relief of the needs of the displaced population accommodated at the shelters in Apia and rural villages as well as families who are staying with their relatives or neighbors. Two experts from the New Zealand Ministry of Civil Defense and Emergency Management will work with the disaster management office from tomorrow.

The Australian Government has pledged a total of AU\$1 million in emergency assistance and relief materials. Materials include transitional shelter kits, tents, tools, generators, bedding and linen and sundry.

Japan has informed the Samoan Government that they are in the final stages of putting together their immediate relief shipment. It includes water tanks, tents and generators.

The New Zealand Government has announced a further NZ\$2 million to help Samoa recover from TC Evan in addition to the NZ\$600,000 previously received by the Government of Samoa. The P3 Orion airplane which provided aerial assessment and search and rescue support to the Government of Samoa has left Samoa to conduct aerial assessments in Fiji.

The Samoan Government has received immediate relief grants of US\$100,000 from UNDP and US\$50,000 from the United States Government via the Samoa Red Cross.

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New Zealand has announced a further NZ\$2million to help Fiji recover from TC Evan. This is in addition to NZ\$460,000 already announced. The NZ\$460,000 has been used for the provision of relief supplies including tarps, water containers and generators, a contribution to the Fiji Red Cross Society and funding for New Zealand based NGOs, Rotary and the Adventist Development Relief Agency. A P3 Orion provided by the Government of New Zealand travelled from Samoa to Fiji yesterday to provide assistance for aerial assessments.

The Government of Japan has confirmed that they have relief items on standby in Singapore that can be released immediately if needed.

The Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints donated FJ\$21,000 worth of food rations for victims affected by Tropical Cyclone Evan.

The Pacific Humanitarian Team met today to discuss the situation in Fiji. At the meeting, the National Disaster Management Office announced that the National Clusters would begin to meet tomorrow. The meetings will be facilitated by the National Disaster Management Office and Line Ministries to ensure a coordinated approach to response efforts.

# Humanitarian Response



## Samoa (Population: 187,820)

### Shelter:

- There are currently 34 shelters with approximately 4,858 evacuees.
- The key priorities for shelters are food, drinking water and water for bathrooms.
- Food supplies from the Government of American Samoa have been used in Evacuation Centers.
- The Government of Samoa continues to provide for the basic needs of displaced families with food, water, and sanitation from its NEOC.

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### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene:

- Urban water supply schemes that are yet to be restored include Malololelei, Alaoa and Vaivase-uta.
- Rural water supply schemes that are yet to be restored in Aleisa, Tafitoala, Faleapuna, Tiavi Intake System, Aleipata, Saanapu and Salamumu and Tiavea Uta and Tai.
- The WASH Sector met on 18 December to immediately address this problem with a coordinated water and sanitation response plan. The plan will also be used to secure funding from sector development partners including AusAID, NZAID, the Red Cross and European Union.

### Emergency Communications

- Approximately 86 percent of Digicel's mobile network is operational.
- 10 out of 54 towers are yet to be restored.

### Logistics

- Electricity has been restored to the majority of the Apia area. Electricity should be fully restored to the whole country by Friday evening.
- The Land and Transport Authority will focus on clearing debris in flood affected areas starting in the Vaisigano Basin.



## Fiji (Population: 837,271)

### Shelter:

- There are 242 Evacuation Centers open with 13,976 evacuees:

Division	Evacuation Centers	Evacuees
Northern Division	98	5,629
Eastern Division	1	50
Central Division	45	2,590
Western Division	98	5,629
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>13,976</b>

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- Reports from the Yasawa Islands indicate that 40 houses have been damaged in three villages.
- The Fiji Red Cross Society is focused on shelter and hygiene in Evacuation Centers in the Western and Northern Divisions, including the distribution of stocks such as Hygiene Kits.
- The Fiji Red Cross Society has said that initial assessments indicate that as many as 600 houses in Lautoka alone have suffered severe damages.

### Health and Nutrition

- There are reports of damage to schools in the Western Division with assessments ongoing.

### Health and Nutrition

- Around 90 percent of Sub-Divisional Health Facilities will complete a rapid assessment of their facilities by tomorrow afternoon.
- All health facilities are operational today and will resume full service from tomorrow.
- Some health facilities have sustained minor damages to infrastructure that will require minor repairs and the rehabilitation and rebuilding works on the Lautoka Hospital have begun.
- Navua Hospital's General Outpatient Department is operating out of Matanitobua House.
- Nausori Health Centre has been relocated to Navunivivi Hill.
- Designated staff from Sub-Divisional Hospitals are currently assessing the health status and needs of the population residing in Evacuation Centers.

### Food Security

- The Ministry of Agriculture mobilized teams to carry out preliminary surveys in the Western and Northern Divisions this morning. Preliminary surveys will focus on damages to food security crops and export commodities and the damage to stakeholders (ie. large poultry and piggery farmers).

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- The Water Authority of Fiji has reported power outages in the Northern and Central Divisions. No information has been received yet from the Western Division on water supply.

### Protection

- The Ministry of Social Welfare, Women and Poverty Alleviation has requested all individuals who have been badly affected by TC Evan to contact their nearest social welfare officers to register for assistance they may need.
- Assistance is being provided to underprivileged children through the Care and Protection Program.

### Logistics

- The Fiji Electric Authority has restored power to 90 percent of the Northern and Central Divisions. Access to power in the Western Division is still being assessed. It is expected that power will be fully restored within the next few days.
- Fiji Navy Vessel Lautoka will begin assessments today, beginning in the Yasawa and Mamanuca Groups.
- The rehabilitation and rebuilding works on the Government Quarters in the Western Division have begun.
- The two vessels in Suva Harbor have been successfully re-floated off the reef.
- All flights in and out of Nadi International Airport are operational.

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