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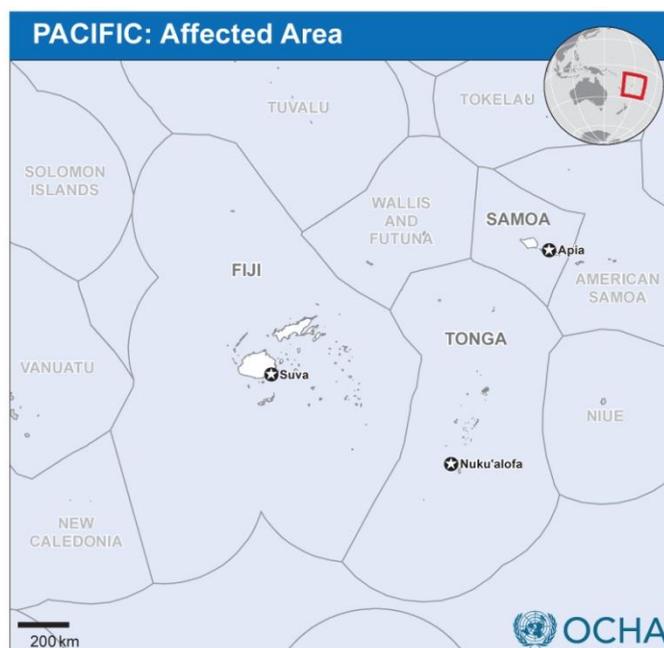
Highlights

- Extensive damage is feared after Tropical Cyclone Evan passed right over the western coastline of Fiji, one of the most populated areas.
- There is no detailed information available as yet as communication systems are affected in addition to power and water supply.
- Evacuation Centers in Fiji are currently hosting 8,416 people.
- The Fijian Government has requested international assistance.
- Government of Samoa has declared a State of Emergency for the next 30 days.
- The number of people in Evacuation Centers in Samoa has risen to 7,739.

4 people
confirmed dead in Samoa

7,739 people
in Evacuation Centers in Samoa

8,416 people
in Evacuation Centers in Fiji



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Situation Overview

Samoa

The Government of Samoa has declared a State of Emergency for the next 30 days.

Assessments are continuing in Samoa following Tropical Cyclone (TC) Evan. The National Disaster Management Office has completed ground assessments for flood affected areas in and around Apia. In addition, ground assessments have been completed for the east coast of Upolu Island, from Laulii through to Solosolo and Falefa to the Iemafa Pass. Yesterday, assessments continued at Safata, Falealili and Aleipata. Following these initial assessments, the damage to homes has been described as quite considerable, with 421 houses completely destroyed and 1,059 damaged. Initial assessments from Savai'i describe the damage to homes and infrastructure as minimal and that much of the damage in these areas is confined to plantations and forestry. Reports from the southern coastal area of Siumu suggest that there have been significant damages in the area.

The Samoa Water Authority advised that the water treatment station at Lelata (Alaoa), which is the main water supply for Apia as well as for central and eastern districts, is damaged. Further assessment has shown that the water treatment station was not completely destroyed but that there is a blockage and a major section of the pipe is missing.

Elsewhere, Vaia waterline is operating but is mainly supplying the hospital. Faluasou plant is providing western Apia and the airport with water and a smaller secondary treatment plant at Maloloei is supplying southern Apia with water.

The Samoa Power Authority has 10 teams working to restore power. Power has been restored to Government Buildings, the Apia Central Business District (CBD) and the sewerage treatment plant at Mulinu'u. The rest of the

Apia CBD should have power restored today. The Samoa Power Authority is working to restore power to other areas of Upolu Island.

The P3 Orion sent from Samoa has completed its search for the missing fishing boats. A vessel, believed to be one of the four missing boats has been found and is being towed to Apia. The P3 Orion is now undertaking aerial assessments to support damage assessments.

The Lady Naomi Ferry from American Samoa was due to arrive yesterday afternoon bringing donations of food, water and clothing.

Fiji

At 6am this morning, TC Evan was located approximately 180km south of Nadi. At this time, the system is moving south-west away from Fiji at approximately 17km per hour. Although no longer threatening land areas directly, the retreating system still extends gale force winds back over the Coral Coast, Vatulele and Kadavu.

Yesterday afternoon and throughout the night, the system passed over the Yasawa and Mamanuca Groups with the eye hugging the western coastline of Viti Levu near Lautoka and Nadi. This part of Fiji is one of the most populated and is where the most important economic and tourist infrastructure is located. Serious damage is therefore expected.

Detailed information on impacts is still forthcoming. There were reports of flooding in the Navua and Rewa Rivers with waters now thought to be receding at least until the next high tide this morning.

There are currently 8,416 evacuees in 147 Evacuation Centers in the Northern, Eastern and Central Divisions. The number of evacuees in Evacuation Centers in the Western Division is still being confirmed.

The Fiji Electric Authority is currently working to restore power, with outages reported in the Western, Northern and Central Divisions.

Nadi International Airport remained closed yesterday with all domestic and international flights cancelled. It is expected to reopen today with a limited schedule of domestic and international flights.

For continuous weather updates on TC Evan, please refer to the [Fiji Meteorological Service](#).

General Coordination

Samoa

Prime Minister Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi visited communities affected by TC Evan yesterday morning. A National Disaster Council Meeting was held yesterday afternoon where a full ground assessment report, including recommendations was tabled.

The Samoan Government will hold a Donor Meeting tomorrow at which time it is expected they will present requests for international assistance.

The Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) releasing US\$15,000 and launched a formal appeal. Rotary has also launched a formal appeal and has prepositioned stocks in both Samoa and Fiji.

The New Zealand Red Cross Society has deployed an Emergency Management Advisor to assist the Samoan Red Cross Society with ground assessments and coordination. Five additional workers from the New Zealand Red Cross Society will travel to Samoa today to provide further support.

Fiji

All Emergency Operation Centers have been fully activated with 24/7 operations.

The National Disaster Management Office continues to hold daily meetings with Ministries and other partners to discuss the progress of preparedness activities and ensure there is a common understanding of the threat and possible impacts.

The Royal Fiji Military Force has one platoon activated for response efforts.

The National Disaster Management Office has held a briefing with FRANZ (France, Australia and New Zealand) Partners.

A meeting was held with the Diplomatic Corps yesterday. The Fijian Government has communicated to the Diplomatic Corps and Donors that it will require international assistance. The National Disaster Management Office has requested immediate assistance with aerial assessments and evacuations and non-food items such as water tanks, tarpaulins, portable generators and shelter kits.

The New Zealand Government has announced they will make NZ\$50,000 immediately available to respond to specific requests from Fiji. Tarpaulins, water containers, generators and chainsaw packs are also on the way to Fiji on commercial flights. The New Zealand Government will contribute NZ\$170,000 to the Fiji Red Cross Society to help replenish supplies and respond to those in need.

The Fiji Red Cross Society and ADRA have reported that they have a full stock of emergency response supplies in standby.

Members of the Pacific Humanitarian Team, including the International Federation of Red Cross, Health Cluster and UNICEF have contingency stocks available for relief assistance in Samoa and Fiji.

Humanitarian Response



Samoa (Population: 187,820)

Shelter:

- There are eight formal Evacuation Centers, although many more continue to be run informally by churches.
- The Government of Samoa reports that the current number of people in Evacuation Centers has risen to 4,739 as of yesterday afternoon.
- The Church of Jesus Christ the Latter-day Saints reports that there are 3,000 additional people are sheltering in their churches around the country.
- Following Initial Damage Assessments, 421 houses have been reported as completely destroyed and a further 1,059 households have been affected. On average, there are eight people per household.
- Of the 421 houses completely destroyed, 210 households are in Evacuation Centers and the remaining 211 are seeking refuge with relatives.
- The Samoan Red Cross Society is managing 10 Evacuation Centers, including the eight formal Evacuation Centers. The Samoan Red Cross Society has established a welfare management system and a formal registration process to facilitate this process.
- Caritas has distributed the contents of six prepositioned containers which included hygiene kits, jerry cans, tarpaulins and kitchen sets.

7,739
people
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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene:

- Sanitation issues remain, but the situation is improving. Evacuation Centers have had tanks delivered and authorities are filling these with sanitation water and a number of temporary toilets have been installed.
- Potable waters remain an issue but the Samoan Water Authority has two trucks supplying water to Evacuation Centers.
- Oxfam has deployed a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Expert.

Health:

- Recent reports suggest that the hospital is not seeing an increase in numbers.
- The hospital is providing some outreach to Evacuation Centers.
- The National Health Service has indicated that there is currently no need for additional medical personnel.

Logistics

- All major roads have now been cleared on Upolu Island except for part of Fagaloa due to heavy flooding.
- All major roads on Savai'i have been cleared, except through the Maliolio River.
- Apia Port remains closed due to debris and all inter-island and international shipping services remain suspended.
- Mulifanua Wharf is open and ferry services have resumed between Upolu and Savai'i, pending weather.

Education

- Initial Damage Assessments report that seven schools have been completely destroyed, nine have suffered major damage and 35 have sustained minor damages.

7 schools
completely destroyed



Fiji (Population: 837,271)

Shelter:

- Evacuation Centers in all districts have been checked by the District Officers.
- There are 147 Evacuation Centers open with 8,416 evacuees:
 - 45 Evacuation Centers are operating in the Northern Division with a total of 3715 evacuees.
 - 15 Evacuation Centers are operating in the Eastern Division with a total of 493 evacuees.
 - 34 Evacuation Centers have been opened in the Central Division with a total of 2144 evacuees.
 - 53 Evacuation Centers are operating in the Western Division with 2064 evacuees.
- Evacuees have brought sufficient food and water for 2-3 days.

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Education

- As of yesterday morning, 19 schools in the Northern Division were being used as Evacuation Centers.

Health and Nutrition

- Four teams from Suva (2 Doctors, 2 Health Inspectors, 2 Dieticians and 1 Nurse remain on standby for deployment to the Northern and Western Divisions).
- Northern Division: Medical services have been normalized and power has been restored to most health facilities.
- Western Division: Medical services in Ba and Nadi are currently using generators. There has been no response from Ra, Lautoka, Tavua and Nadroga.
- Central Division: Medical services have been normalized, except for power supply. There has been no response from Naitasiri. Three patients have been transferred from Navua to the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva.
- Eastern Division: Medical services in Rotuma and Lomaiviti are normalized. There has been no response from Lomaloma, Lakeba. Vunisea Hospital currently has plastic roofing.

Protection

- Evacuation Centers have been provided with guidance on the registration of evacuees, with a focus on ensuring the collection of sex and age disaggregated data.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- The Water Authority of Fiji has refueled and checked all standby generators at pumping stations.
- There are five trucks in the Northern Division and five trucks in the Western Division on standby to truck in water if needed.
- Water in parts of the Western and Northern Divisions has been cut off.

Logistics

- The Western Division is currently experiencing problems with communications, power and water.
- Reports suggest that power and water have now been restored to towns in the Northern Division with other areas still experiencing issues.
- The Kings Road remains blocked in parts due to flooding.
- The Fiji Navy has three vessels on standby in Suva.
- Government Shipping Services (GSS) has three vessels (1 barge, 2 ships) on standby in Suva.
- There are 70 vehicles on standby for National Disaster Management Office operations.
- The National Disaster Management Office has 7 generators (2.4kVa), water tanks and clean up supplies on standby.
- A private contractor, Air Mobility, has nine helicopters in Nadi and one in Suva on standby.
- Domestic and international flights have resumed today on a limited schedule.
- Domestic shipping has been cancelled for trips to the North.
- Private operations in Denarau have dispatched four fast craft to assist in moving tourists from the Manauca and Yasawa Groups back to the mainland.

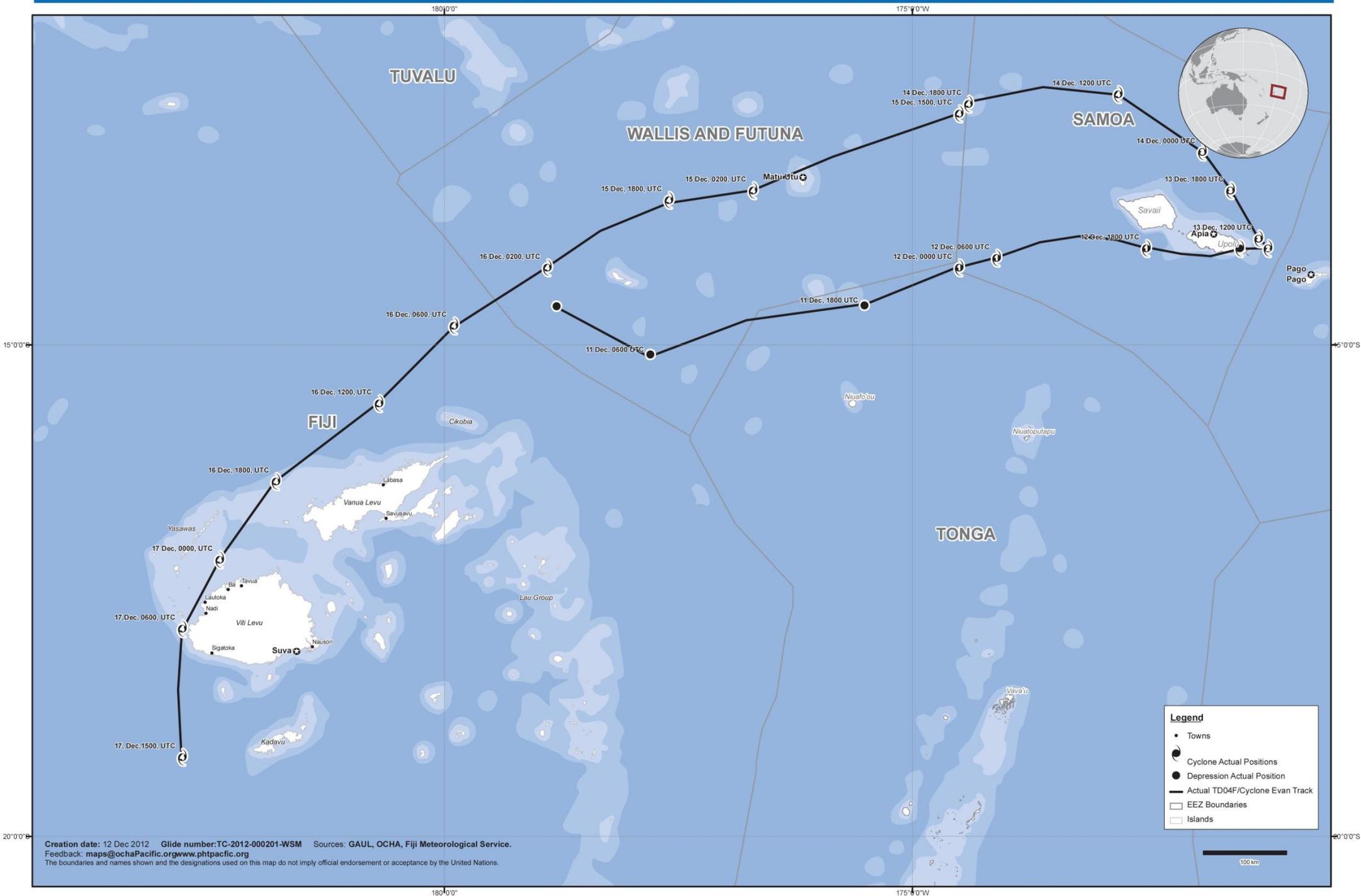
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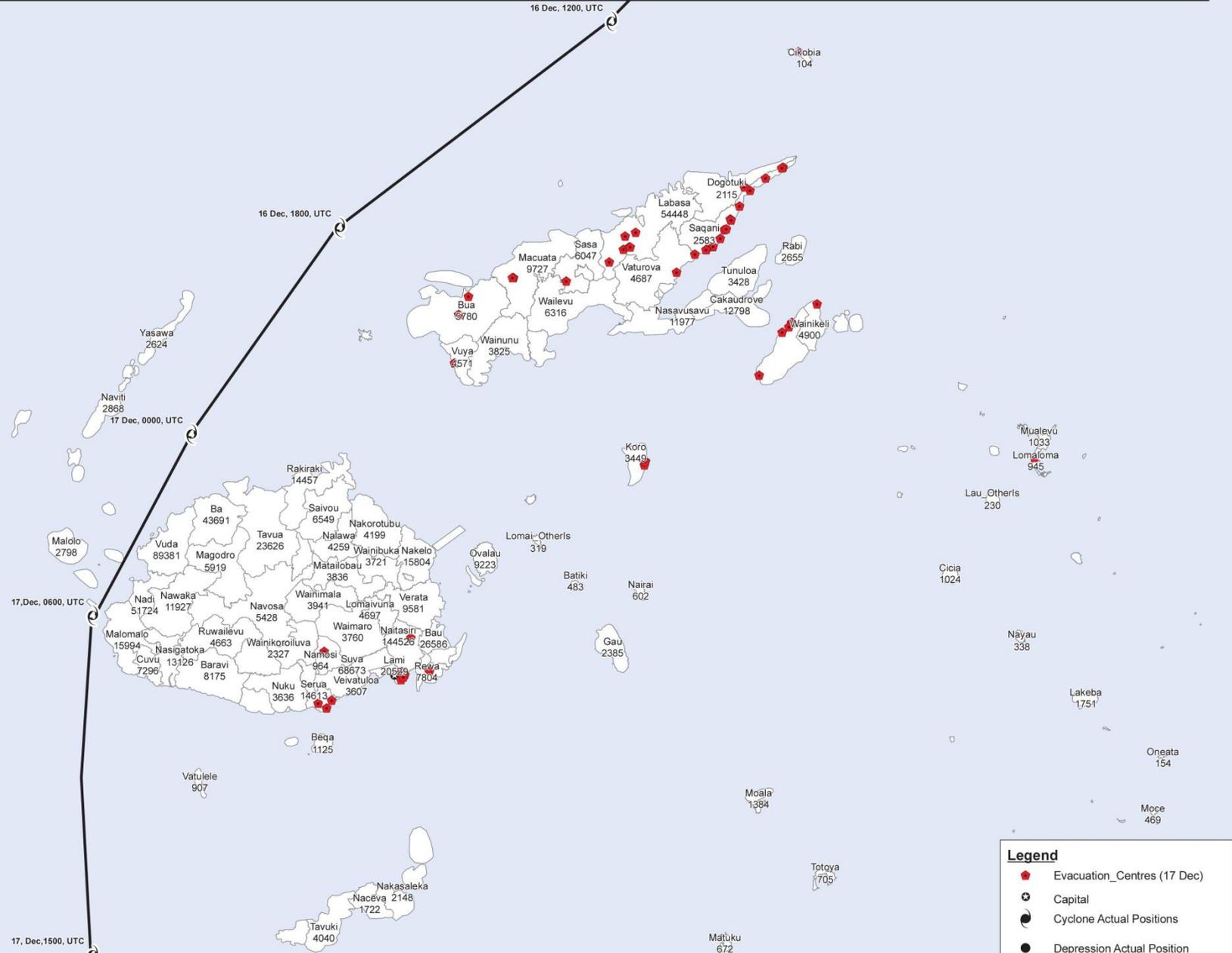
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This map shows the actual track of Tropical Cyclone Evan in Fiji. It includes population data from the 2007 Census as well as information on the 65 Evacuation Centers (with approximately 4,000 evacuees) as at Monday, 17 December. Currently, there are 147 Evacuation Centres (with approximately 8,416 evacuees). This map will be updated when location information on additional Evacuation Centers is available.



Legend

- Evacuation_Centres (17 Dec)
- Capital
- Cyclone Actual Positions
- Depression Actual Position
- Actual TD04F/Cyclone Evan Track
- New Tikina (with 2007 Population)