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Highlights

- On 20 and 21 February Category 5 Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston cut a path of destruction across Fiji's islands blowing off roofs, bringing down trees and powerlines, and flooding rivers.
- At its peak, the Cyclone was estimated by the Fiji Met Service to have sustained winds of 230kmph, gusting to 325 kmph making it one of the most severe cyclones ever to hit the South Pacific.
- Six people have been confirmed dead.
- 150 houses have been confirmed as destroyed in the Eastern Division and a further 60 damaged.
- A 30 day State of Natural Disaster has been declared and a nation-wide curfew is currently in force.
- Schools have been closed for a week.

6	30	150
Confirmed fatalities	Day State of Emergency Declared	Houses destroyed in Eastern Division

Source: Fiji Government, Office of the Prime Minister and Fiji NEOC



Map Sources: Fiji Department of Lands, Joint Typhoon Warning Center
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Situation Overview

On 20 and 21 February Category 5 Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston cut a path of destruction across Fiji's islands blowing off roofs, flooding rivers and bringing down trees and power lines. At its peak, the Cyclone was estimated to have sustained winds of around 230kmph, gusting to 325 kmph making it one of the most severe cyclones ever to hit the South Pacific. The cyclone was so strong that it destroyed weather data loggers in many affected areas. The Fiji Government has confirmed that six people are dead. Early reports from the Eastern Division suggest extensive damage, particularly in the Lomaiviti Group. Power is out across most of the country. A curfew remains in place across the country to allow emergency services to clear roads and work on restoring power supplies. Communications are down in many affected areas, particularly in the West, and this is slowing the collection of impact data. Aerial surveillance of the affected region has begun using a New Zealand Defence Force P3 Orion aircraft. Australian military assets are also on standby if needed.

General Coordination

The Fiji Government is leading the response to this emergency. The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is coordinating efforts and has activated the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC). DISMAC Permanent Secretary, Meleti Bainimarama, has declared a 30 day State of Natural Disaster. Fiji Government officials briefed diplomatic partners on the cyclone on 21 February indicating that they are yet to get a full picture of the situation on the ground, especially in the West. The restoration of communications and aerial surveillance will assist the government in getting a better understanding of needs moving forward. District Emergency Operations Centres are

now mobilizing and deploying their teams to undertake Initial Damage Assessment (IDA). This preliminary assessment will determine whether the distribution of food relief is warranted. They will also shape agriculture and housing relief plans moving forward.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has offered support from the Pacific Humanitarian Team to the Fiji Government and partners remain on standby to respond if requested. It has been agreed that OCHA will be the conduit for communications between the NDMO and humanitarian partners and any requests for international assistance should be channeled through OCHA. Partners outside Fiji are also requested to liaise with OCHA regarding assistance.

Please note that no request for international assistance has yet been issued by the Fijian government.

The Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT) will next meet tomorrow (22 February) at 11am in the UNOCHA Conference Room on L5, Kadavu House. Another briefing by the Fiji Government will be held for the diplomatic community tomorrow (22 Feb) at 4pm.

Overall Response



Logistics

- Communications with many affected areas have been intermittent or cut during the past 24 hours, hampering efforts to get a clear picture of needs on the ground.
- A New Zealand Defence Force P3 Orion aircraft has been sent to assist with aerial surveillance of affected regions. The NDMO will be briefed on outcomes from this mission on the aircraft's return, particularly regarding sea and air access to maritime areas. This information will also be made available to partners.
- Pending the results of aerial and ground assessments and negotiations with the Fiji Government, Australian military helicopters are also on standby for deployment. These could be used for surveillance, medical evacuation or distribution of relief supplies.
- Commercial flights in and out of the country are currently suspended. Airports are expected to reopen on 22 February.



Shelter

- 150 houses were completely destroyed in the Eastern Division and a further 60 are damaged.
- In Kade village on the island of Koro on the Lomaiviti Group all houses have been destroyed as well as the church, school and community hall.
- 27 houses have been reported as damaged in Central Division.
- In Central Division, 1177 people (469 children, 78 infants) took shelter in 20 evacuation centres. Further information is still being collected on a further 48 shelters in this Division.
- In Eastern Division, 9 evacuation centres were open with 121 people taking shelter.
- Figures are not currently available for Northern and Western Divisions.

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People in evacuation centres in Central Division



Health & Nutrition

- Six people (3 men and 3 women) are confirmed dead and six people injured.
- All major hospitals are operating however two suffered damage.
- In Suva, the Colonial War Memorial (CWM) Hospital Maternity Unit started taking in water overnight on 20 February flooding four delivery rooms. The Intensive Care Unit and one operating theatre also flooded. Some air conditioning units fell off the ceiling due to the water damage. CWM Hospital was attended by the Republic of Fiji Military Forces who assisted with the incident.
- Part of the roof was blown off Ba Hospital and patients were relocated to other wards.
- **A joint Health, WASH and Shelter Cluster meeting is planned for 22 February at 2pm at the NDMO in Knolly Street.**

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hospitals confirmed damaged



Infrastructure and Utilities

- Water has been cut off to some communities and power is out across much of the country.
- Repair crews are working to reconnect these services.
- Particular emphasis will be placed on re-connecting the Eastern Division to the national grid so that authorities can urgently assess and address damage in the maritime regions.
- In some cases power has been intentionally cut off in order to prevent more severe damage.
- While this work is being completed, the curfew will remain in effect until 5:30 am on 22 February.
- With the lifting of the curfew, all public transportation will resume services.
- Kings Road is closed in several locations due to landslides, debris and flooding
- Fallen trees have blocked the main street of Lautoka.
- Savusavu jetty is closed due to damage.
- Lower Nadi Town is closed due to flood waters.
- There is still a great deal of debris on the roads and around communities.
- Power lines have gone down all over the country, and roofing iron, glass, live electrical wires and other hazardous materials pose serious threats to public safety.
- Fiji's armed forces and Police force have also been engaged to assist with rehabilitation, rescue operations and clean-up. They will work alongside other agencies to expedite this work.



Education

- The Ministry of Education has directed all schools to close for one week to allow for cleanup and rehabilitation work. Many schools are also being used as evacuation centres.
- The University of the South Pacific, the University of Fiji and the Fiji National University will close on 22 February until further notice. Students should monitor media reports on the re-opening of these institutions.



Protection and Safety

- **A Protection Cluster meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (22 February) at 10 am in the UN Women Office on L3, Kadavu House.**

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