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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.
- The cyclone is estimated to be one of the most severe ever to hit the South Pacific.
- 21 people have been confirmed dead.
- 4 people are missing.
- Whole villages have been destroyed on the island of Koro where a relief and assessment ship is being deployed.
- Schools are closed for a week to allow for clean-up and their use as evacuation centres.
- More than 8100 people are currently sheltering in evacuation centres
- A 30 day State of Natural Disaster has been declared
- International assistance has officially been requested by the Fiji Government.



Map Sources: Fiji Department of Lands, Joint Typhoon Warning Center
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21

Confirmed fatalities

4

People missing

8100

People in
evacuation shelters

Source: Fiji Government, Fiji NEOC/NDMO, PHT Partners

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, destroying buildings, flooding rivers and bringing down trees and power lines. The Fiji Government has confirmed that 21 people were killed. Aerial surveillance has suggested extensive damage in the east and north, particularly in the Lomaiviti Group. A government assessment and relief team is on its way to Koro Island (population 3,450) which was in the eye of the cyclone and saw whole villages destroyed. The nation-wide curfew was lifted this morning allowing many Fijians to see the scale of the damage to their country for the first time. Power is back intermittently in most parts of Suva but remains out across many parts of the country. Telecommunications problems also persist and this is slowing the collection of impact data. More than 8,000 people are sheltering in evacuation centres around the country. Schools have been closed for the week and the Government has indicated that restoring education is its top priority for the response over the coming days.

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). A 30 day State of Natural Disaster has been declared. In recognition of the enormity of the disaster, the Fiji Government has today officially requested international assistance. UNOCHA on behalf of the Pacific Humanitarian Team is liaising with the Government on what expertise, personnel, supplies and equipment would be most needed. Partners have

already been working with the Government to quickly dispatch urgent supplies and assessment teams to the Island of Koro which suffered catastrophic damage in the cyclone. The National Disaster Management Office has indicated that the National Clusters will be identifying needs and working in cooperation with international partners to ensure gaps are covered. Assessment data is still preliminary and so far has been primarily based on aerial assessments, as well as early reports from local officials. The restoration of communications and further aerial surveillance will assist the government in getting a better understanding of needs moving forward.

The following government-led clusters are currently operating:

- Food Security and Livelihoods
- Health
- Wash
- Safety and Protection
- Shelter
- Logistics
- The NDMO is also looking to re-establish a Telecommunications Cluster.

Pacific Humanitarian Team partners, as well as new partners arriving in Fiji, are requested to work through the existing Fijian cluster structure to allow for a coordinated and effective response.

It has been agreed that UNOCHA will be the conduit for communications between the NDMO and international humanitarian partners regarding offers of assistance within Fiji and internationally.

The Government has officially requested an UNDAC deployment. Team composition will likely include reception centre capacity, assessment capacity, report writing and civil-military coordination.

The Fijian Government will hold a briefing for the diplomatic community on 23 Feb at 8am.

Overall Response



Logistics

- Communications with many affected areas remain interrupted, 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.
- Aerial surveillance on 21 February revealed extensive damage to outer islands, particularly in the Lomaiviti group and the north coast of Viti Levu.
- Based on this intelligence, the Government is deploying two vessels to Koro Island where several villages have been destroyed. These ships are carrying assessment teams and a range of supplies including food, WASH kits and temporary classrooms.
- Australian will also be supplying military helicopters to assist with assessments as part of an AUD \$5 million assistance package.
- An NZ C-130 flight will also be coming into Nausori overnight on 22-23 February containing:

Item	Unit numbers	Pallet numbers
10L Water Bottle	1,000	3
20L Water Bottle	511	2
Small tarp (old stock)	0	
Large tarp (old stock)	865	15
Tarp (new stock)	300	5
Chainsaw Pack	20	4
Generator	5	2
Tool Kit	100	20

- Fiji's two main airports are now open and the Logistics Cluster is working to establish which smaller airports are accessible.
- Air New Zealand are upgrading capacity to enable tourists to return home from Fiji. This may provide extra capacity for relief items to be brought into the country.
- Wharfs at Savusavu and Nabouwalu on Vanua Levu have been destroyed
- The Logistics Cluster is working on defining a clear policy regarding unsolicited bilateral donations
- Partners asked that if they have any information on supplies coming into the country to register them with the Logistics Cluster.
- The Cluster is currently exploring airport processing and warehousing capacity. Nadi will be the preferred entry point for goods by air and sea.
- Fiji Red Cross has 22 prepositioned containers with supplies for 100 families per container including blankets, tarpaulins, kitchen sets, clothing, hygiene kits, dignity kits and cleaning kits.

Shelter

- The NDMO has warned that thousands of houses across Fiji may need to be demolished as a result of damage from TC Winston presenting significant shelter challenges over the months ahead.
- 150 houses were completely destroyed in the Eastern Division and a further 60 are damaged.
- Kade village is one of several 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.
- Evacuation centres are activated in all four divisions with 8148 people currently sheltering there.
- In Central Division, 1177 people took shelter in 20 evacuation centres.
- In Eastern Division, 9 evacuation centres are open with 121 people taking shelter.
- In Northern Division, 1260 people are taking shelter in 22 centres.
- In Western Division, 1032 families and 5880 people are in shelters.
- **The Shelter Cluster will be holding a meeting at 10am on 23 February in the IFRC boardroom.**

150

Homes destroyed in Eastern Division

Health & Nutrition

- 21 people are confirmed dead.
- At least 12 people were injured.
- All major hospitals are operating however two hospitals and some staff quarters 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 was held this afternoon.
- The Health Cluster is working on a Plan of Action which will be similar to a Humanitarian Action Plan to identify priorities, needs, gaps and partners.
- WHO have received a request for 36 000 water purifying tablets. This will be shared with the WASH Cluster to prevent duplication.
- Sufficient medical supplies are position in-country including:
 - ❖ Inter-Agency Emergency Health Kits – 1 for 10 000 people for 3 months and 10 smaller kits for 1000 people for 3 months
 - ❖ Water purifying tablets

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hospitals confirmed damaged

- Major anticipated medical concerns:
 - ❖ Wound issues - infection
 - ❖ Water borne disease
 - ❖ Vector borne disease. WHO has flagged a need to step up surveillance for Zika Virus.



Infrastructure and Utilities

- Water has been cut off to some communities and power is out in many parts of the country.
- Repair crews are working to reconnect these services.
- Particular emphasis has been 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.
- The nation-wide curfew was lifted at 5:30 am on 22 February and public transport services have now resumed.
- 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.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- The Cluster has expressed concerns about the adequacy of current WASH supplies in country and has noted that these will need to be replenished after stocking the ships bound for Lomaiviti/Lau.
- Water Quality testing will be important moving forward to prevent outbreaks of water-borne disease such as typhoid which is endemic in Viti Levu.
- UNICEF is providing information management support to the Ministry of Health.



Education

- The Ministry of Education has directed all schools to close for this week to allow for cleanup and rehabilitation work.
- The Government has indicated that restoring education services is its top priority for the coming days.
- Many schools are also being used as evacuation centres and it will be necessary to find alternative longer term accommodation for people who are displaced by the disaster.
- Many schools have also been damaged or destroyed by the cyclone. Two of the country's biggest boys boarding schools have been badly damaged.
- The Ministry of Education advises that in the Western Division alone it has already calculated \$2.2 million dollars in damage to its buildings.
- The University of the South Pacific, the University of Fiji and the Fiji National University are closed. Students should monitor media reports on the re-opening of these institutions.



Safety and Protection

- The Cluster has identified the following issues/gaps:
 - ❖ There are still significant information gaps on key protection issues
 - ❖ The Cluster is working to identify vulnerable populations including children, youth, women girls, people at risk of Gender Based Violence, people in formal settlements, the disabled and the elderly.
 - ❖ The Cluster's protection concerns are not limited to evacuation centres but also people who are staying informally with friends and relatives.
 - ❖ The Cluster is seeking more information on numbers of people in evacuation centres including sex and age disaggregated data.
- The Protection sub-clusters (child protection and GBV) are scheduled to meet this week.
- UNICEF has agreed to assist with the rollout of child friendly spaces in evacuation centres
- The Fiji Red Cross has agreed to take on responsibility for restoring family links (RFL)


Food Security

- The Cluster Operations Centre is now active
- Teams have been deployed to the Central Division to survey damage starting on 24 February. There are communications delays in contacting other divisions
- Survey forms have been finalized.

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