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Highlights

- On 20 and 21 February Category 5 Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston cut a path of destruction across Fiji.
- The cyclone is estimated to be one of the most severe ever to hit the South Pacific.
- 28 people have been confirmed dead.
- At least 1 person is missing.
- Whole villages have been destroyed on the island of Koro where a relief and assessment ship has now arrived.
- Some 14,000 people are currently sheltering in 274 evacuation centres.
- At least 364 dwellings have been destroyed.
- 65 schools have been damaged or destroyed.
- A 30 day State of Natural Disaster has been declared.
- International assistance has officially been requested by the Fiji Government.

28	364	Almost 14,000
Confirmed fatalities (17 men and 11 women)	Dwellings destroyed	People in evacuation shelters



Map Sources: Fiji Department of Lands, Joint Typhoon Warning Center
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Source: Fiji Government, Fiji NEOC/NDMO, PHT Partners

Situation Overview

The Fiji Government has confirmed that 28 people were killed when Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston cut a path of destruction across the country on 20-21 February. Relief supplies and assessment teams have now arrived on Koro Island after aerial assessments by New Zealand Defence Force P3 Orion aircraft revealed extensive damage across the Lomaiviti Group and other outer islands.

Access and communications difficulties remain a constraint for assessments. Power is back intermittently in most parts of Suva but remains out across many parts of the country. Almost 14,000 people are sheltering in 274 evacuation centres around Fiji. 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. The Government has launched an [appeal for public donations](#) to assist victims of the cyclone.

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 and Divisional Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs). [A 30 day State of Natural Disaster](#) has been declared. 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. Assessments and relief activities will be conducted in collaboration with Divisional Commissioners.

The following government-led clusters are currently operating:

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

In recognition of the enormity of the disaster, the Fiji Government has 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 worked with the Government to quickly dispatch urgent supplies and assessment teams to the Island of Koro which suffered catastrophic damage in the cyclone.

The Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT) 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 UNDAC Team will arrive later this week.

The PHT has highlighted the need for greater sex and age disaggregated data as the response and assessments progress.

Overall Response



Logistics and International Support

- Communications with many affected areas remain interrupted, hampering efforts to get a clear picture of needs on the ground.
- New Zealand announced a further NZD 1.8 million in aid to Fiji earlier this week bringing total Cyclone Winston aid to Fiji to more than NZD 2 million.
- The first aid shipment into Fiji arrived at Nausori airport, Suva, on 22 February aboard an RNZAF C-130. The emergency flight carried 12 tonnes of supplies requested by the Fiji government – water containers, tarpaulins, generators, chainsaws, tool kits - and a 13 strong Joint Response Team made up of staff from NZ Defence Force, Ministry of Health and the NZ Fire Service.
- The response team will be working with Fijian authorities to assess physical damage and health risks, and assess where further New Zealand support could be directed.
- A New Zealand P3 Orion continues to provide surveillance flights to assist the Fiji government in its damage assessments. A third surveillance flight was conducted on 23 February.
- Australian will also be supplying military helicopters to assist with aerial surveillance, as well as air transport of relief supplies for 1500 families as part of an AUD \$5 million assistance package.
- Both Australia and New Zealand also have naval assets on standby.
- France has also offered a military aircraft for transportation of medical supplies and food. France will also fund 20 hours of flight time (commercial helicopters) through Pacific Island Air for humanitarian work.
- Fiji's two main airports are now open and the Logistics Cluster is working to establish which smaller airports are accessible.
- Kings Road, previously closed, is now open right around the top of the island making access to the damaged areas of Rakiraki, Tavua and Ba now possible.
- Wharfs and jetties are damaged at Nabouwalu, Blackpoint, Waiyavu and Koro. Works have commenced to repair Savusavu Jetty, on the south side of Vanua Levu, and ships will be able to berth from tomorrow morning onwards.
- The Logistics Cluster is working on defining a 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.
- Fiji Red Cross has 22 pre-positioned 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.
- At least 364 houses have been completely destroyed and a further 136 are partially destroyed.
- The Kade village is one of several on the island of Koro in the Lomaiviti Group where all houses have been destroyed as well as the church, school and community hall.
- 274 evacuation centres are active in all four divisions.
- A total of 13,913 people are currently sheltering in these centres.
- In Central Division, 4881 people took shelter in 122 evacuation centres.
- In Eastern Division, 514 people are sheltering in 9 evacuation centres.
- In Northern Division, 2035 people are taking shelter in 33 centres.
- In Western Division, 6483 people are in 110 shelters.
- The Fiji Government has identified the following immediate needs:
 - ❖ Tarpaulins and tents
 - ❖ Temporary shelters
 - ❖ Construction materials (roofing iron, timber, tools, nails)
 - ❖ Mattresses, beds and blankets

274
evacuation centres
operating

Health & Nutrition

- 28 people have been confirmed dead – 17 men and 11 women.
- At least 83 people are injured.
- All major hospitals are operating however two hospitals (CWM and Ba) as well as some staff quarters suffered damage.
- 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.
- The Fiji Government has identified the following immediate needs:
 - ❖ Restoration of power supply to major hospitals and affected health centres and nursing stations
 - ❖ Water purification tablets
 - ❖ Water-borne disease vaccines & medicines
 - ❖ Mosquito spray
 - ❖ Sanitary Packs
 - ❖ Psychosocial support (PST)
- WHO have received a request for 36 000 water purifying tablets.
- Sufficient medical supplies are position in-country including:
 - ❖ Emergency Health Kits – 1 for 10 000 people for 3 months and 10 smaller kits for 1000 people for 3 months
 - ❖ Water purification tablets
- 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.

83
people injured



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.
- Road access remains an issue in many affected areas.
- 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.
- The Fiji Government has identified the following immediate needs:
 - ❖ Electricity: Generators, water pumps
 - ❖ Water: Water tanks, water pipes
 - ❖ Roads: Machinery/equipment for debris clearance. Repair works to infrastructure (roads, jetties, bridges, airstrips)
 - ❖ Communication: satellite phones



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 diseases 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.
- 65 schools have also been damaged or destroyed by the cyclone.
- In the Western Division, 39 schools have been damaged or destroyed. The Ministry of Education estimates there has been at least \$2.2 million dollars in damage to its buildings in the West alone.
- The Fiji Government has identified the following immediate needs:
 - ❖ Temporary learning centres
 - ❖ Building materials for classrooms, boarding dormitories and teachers quarters
 - ❖ Distribution of learning materials (textbooks, stationary, desks, chairs)
 - ❖ Psychosocial support
- Due to the extensive infrastructure damage suffered at campuses in Ba and Raiwai, as well as the lack of clean drinking water and electricity, it has been decided that FNU will remain closed for the rest of this week.
- After a huge clean-up effort USP has announced that the Laucala and Labasa campuses will open on 24 February 2016. All staff and students are expected to return to duties and classes. The Statham, Marine and Lautoka campuses require further work and remain closed until announced otherwise.



Safety and Protection

- The Safety and Protection Cluster was convened on 23 February by the Ministry for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, chaired by the Permanent Secretary, and attended by the Director for Social Affairs.
- UN Women and UNICEF have been asked by the Ministry to co-lead the National Safety and Protection cluster and have accepted.
- The Cluster has identified a need for technical assistance in:
 - ❖ Harmonizing assessment tools;
 - ❖ Adapting existing code of conduct materials for wider dissemination to all humanitarian responders to address concerns regarding the potential for sexual exploitation and abuse of affected people;
 - ❖ Developing rapid SOPs for dealing with referrals on safe and confidential handlings of child protection and GBV cases;
 - ❖ Agreeing that the Child Protection sub cluster will activate, and the ERAW Taskforce will be tasked to address the work of the GBV in emergencies in response to Winston. **An ERAW Taskforce meeting is scheduled for 24 February at the Ministry – Time TBC**
- The Cluster has identified the following protection issues:
 - ❖ There is a need 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.
 - ❖ In addition to evacuation centres, the Cluster also has protection concerns relating to people who are staying with friends and relatives.
 - ❖ The Cluster is seeking more information on numbers of people in evacuation centres including sex and age disaggregated data.
- UNICEF has agreed to assist with the rollout of child friendly spaces in evacuation centres.
- The Fiji Red Cross Society is presently responding to the restoring family links needs in the wake of Cyclone Winston. If people have not yet been able to re-establish contact with a family member, or if people wish to register as safe, they can visit <http://familylinks.icrc.org/fiji/>. Alternatively they can contact the Fiji Red Cross on +679 3314 133 ext. 112, or +679 873 8803.



Food Security

- The Cluster Operations Centre is now active
- Teams have been deployed to the Central Division to survey damage.
- Survey forms have been finalized.
- The Government has identified the following immediate needs:
 - ❖ Food Security: provision of planting materials, tools, seedlings
 - ❖ Livelihoods/Economy: major exports commodities (dalo, chillies, eggplant)
 - ❖ Infrastructure: processing sheds, coolers

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