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Tropical Cyclone Winston, Fiji - Sitrep #4, 24 Feb 2016

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Disaster Response and Situation Reports

Situation Reports:
23 Feb:
- Fiji Government Portal for Cyclone Winston response. (Link)
- Prime Minister’s statement on disaster relief efforts and financial appeal. (Link)
  - The Minister for National Disaster Management will be giving situation reports twice daily at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.
- UNOCHA Sitrep No 3, 23 Feb 2016. (Link)
- ESRI Cyclone Winston Situation Report #1. (Link)
- Salvation Army Report. (Link)
- Australia’s Humanitarian Assistance. (Link)
- 22 Feb:
- IFRC International Plan of Action, Fiji, Tropical Cyclone Winston, 22 Feb. (Link)
- UNICEF Report. (Link)
- UNICEF Pacific Humanitarian Situation Report 1. (Link)
- WFP General Logistics Planning Map. (Link)
- Habitat for Humanity Report. (Link)
Disaster Response:

- **23 Feb:** Prime Minister Bainimarama asks all NGOs, church groups, and community groups to coordinate with Fijian NDMO to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure relief goes to where it is needed most. ([Video - source](#))
- **23 Feb:** The Fiji Red Cross Society plans to deploy to Gau, Batiki, Nairai in the Lomaiviti Group and Lau on 24 Feb. ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** Australian Defence Force has deployed four helicopters to Fiji to assist in carrying out damage assessment. They will also assist in providing relief to outlying islands. ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** In rural areas, the role of maintaining food supply is typically left to women, and they will play a major role in rehabilitation efforts ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** Fiji Red Cross is coordinating reunification of families ([Restoring Family Links](#))

Social Media Overview

The Fijian government and NGOs have been making wide use of Twitter and Facebook to post situational information for the public. Information from local Fiji residents was limited for the first several days, possibly due to limited communications and power in areas most affected.

Facebook is more popular than Twitter. “Facebook has become the most prominent social media platform in Fiji (Tarai et al. forthcoming), boasting 350,000 active account users as of July 2015.” ([source](#)) Facebook posts have increased since 23 Feb and include needs, missing person searches, photos, and announcements regarding deployments of teams and relief supplies. Humanity Road has also scanned 15,772 tweets since 19 Feb.

Urgent Needs

- **24 Feb:** Ra Province - 1168 infants who have been evacuated. They need clothing & formula. ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** Nanokonoko Village in the interior of Ra has lost more than 50 houses. The village needs water and food. ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** Evacuation centre in Ba waiting for assistance. Beddings & food items are their immediate need. ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** Naqali Village in Naitasiri Province, Viti Levu, has no electricity or water. It is expected to be 2 weeks before power is restored. Water should be restored later in the week. Dalo patches and cassava farms are flooded. ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** Villages in Tailevu North are waiting for assistance. Nausatoka Villages was one of the worst hit. ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** Ellington Rakiraki - family needs medicine and shelter. Photo of destroyed home. ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** Yalalevu, Ba - 30 families in AKP School need assistance. ([source](#))
- **23 Feb:** People affected by Winston are in need of food, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, tarpaulin, clothes, and bedding. ([source](#))

Public Health / Medical Teams

**Status of Hospitals**

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• 24 Feb: Health and Medical reports - [source]
  o Labasa Hospital Fully Functional
  o Taveuni sub-divisional Hospital is partly operating - on generator
  o Nabouwalu sub-divisional Hospital on Generator service reduced to one ward
  o Bua Hospital Flooded
• 23 Feb: The Taveuni sub-divisional hospital is partly operating. They are using generator, there are four bodies in the mortuary, and vaccines are well stored. The old nurses’ quarters’ roof is destroyed and nurses have been relocated to the hospital. ([source])
• 20 Feb: Video of damage at Lautoka Hospital. ([source])

Medical Teams and Supplies
• 23 Feb: An AusMAT Aeromedical Retrieval Team has been deployed from Australia today. ([source])
• 23 Feb: 42 military officers from the 3FIR Company deployed to Koro Island today with medical aid. Another team of 42 officers are expected to leave for Ovalau and Moturiki tomorrow while 15 officers are expected to be deployed to Batiki and Nairai this afternoon. ([source])
• 23 Feb: Sea Mercy and Yacht Aid Global are partnering to deliver emergency aid, shelter, food, water, and trained medical and disaster response teams to the remote islands of Fiji. ([source])

Public Health
• 23 Feb: The Ministry of Health & Medical Services advises the public to ensure that necessary precautions are taken when dealing with food and water as the county faces electricity and water outages. All drinking and cooking water must be boiled, food should be stored properly, and, and hand washing with soap and water should be practiced after using the washroom and before cooking food. ([source])

Highlights by Region
Population figures represent pre-storm numbers via Wikipedia.
General Updates for Eastern Division

- 23 Feb: 16:58 FJT - Initial assessment reveals 315 houses destroyed - most damage on Koro Island. ([source])

**Lomaiviti Archipelago**

**Batiki Island** - Population 300 17°47′S 179°09′W
- 23 Feb: A group of military officers will be deployed today with supplies and equipment. ([source])

**Gau Island** - population 8,000 18°04′00″S 179°20′00″E
- 23 Feb: No information heard from Gau Island. ([source]) ([source])
- 23 Feb: The Fiji Red Cross Society plans to deploy to Gau on 24 Feb. ([source])

**Koro Island** - Population 4,500 17°18′00″S 179°24′00″E
- 23 Feb: The airstrip is open. Think Pacific sent relief supplies on 3 flights to Koro last night. ([source])
- 23 Feb: Fiji 1 news video from Koro. ([source])
- 23 Feb: Sinuvaca Village - very high tidal waves flooded the village. One baby was lost. ([source])
- 23 Feb: A DISMAC Team arrived in the morning and will remain on the island for one month and provide food rations for a month. The medical team and the RFMF engineers will assist in the rehabilitation work of villages, schools and health center. ([source])
- 23 Feb: 42 military officers from the 3FIR Company left Suva for Koro Island this morning. They have been deployed with rations, medical aids and machinery. The first priority is to clear communication lines in Koro as well as clear the roads for medical officers to assist the villagers on Koro Island. ([source])
- 23 Feb: Goundar Shipping is making ships available for people who wish to return home to Koro free of charge. People can also send rations and other forms of aid for free. ([source])
- 23 Feb: UNICEF Pacific has shipped essential emergency supplies, including water purification tablets and sanitation supplies for immediate shipment to Koro Island and Ovalau Island. ([source])

**Moturiki Island** Population 2,000, ten villages 17°45′S 178°45′E
- 23 Feb: A group of military officers will be deployed tomorrow with supplies and equipment. ([source])

**Nairai Island** population 1,500 - 2,000 17°48′S 179°25′E
- 23 Feb: Fiji Red Cross is planning to deploy to Nairai on 24 Feb. ([source])
- 23 Feb: A group of military officers will be deployed today with supplies and equipment. ([source])

**Ovalau Island** population 8,360 17°41′17″S 178°47′26″E
- 24 Feb: Ovalau Island totally destroyed power and communications out ([video])
- 24 Feb: Communications are down on Ovalau. A search of “Ovalau” in Facebook reveals a good number of people unable to reach loved ones on the island. ([source])
- 24 Feb: Photos from Levuka. ([source])
- 24 Feb: Photos of destruction on Ovalau. ([source])
• 23 Feb: Rukuruku Village, Ovalau - no contact. People worried about family there. (source)
• 23 Feb: Status of Levuka airfield in Bureta is unknown. (source)
• 23 Feb: Levuka seawall destroyed. (source)
• 23 Feb: A group of military officers will be deployed tomorrow with supplies and equipment. (source)
• 23 Feb: UNICEF Pacific has shipped essential emergency supplies, including water purification tablets and sanitation supplies for immediate shipment to Koro Island and Ovalau Island. (source)
• 23 Feb: The FHH Levuka team are clearing the roads and have passed Buresala now they should be at Bureta around 5 to 5.30pm today. (source)
• 23 Feb: Photos of destruction on Ovalua. (source)

Northern Lau Group

Cicia Island - population 600 - 750 in 5 villages 17°45′S 179°18′W
• 23 Feb: Status of the airport is unknown. (source)

Vanua Balavu Island  Population 1,200 -17.228460, -178.950963
• 23 Feb: Status of the airport is unknown. (source)
• 23 Feb: Status of Daliconi village unknown (source)
• 20 Feb: All communications down (source)

Southern Lau Group

Lakeba Island  - Population 1,200 17°14′S 178°57′W
• 23 Feb: Status of the airport is unknown. (source)

Lau Group

Oni-i-Lau Island  population approximately 599 20°39′S 178°44′W
• 23 Feb: Status of the airport is unknown. (source)

Maola Island  - Population 550 18°36′S 179°52′E
• 23 Feb: Status of the airport is unknown. (source)

Northern Division

General Updates for Northern Division
• 23 Feb, 10:43: The following is a summary of main roads and their status:
  • Kings Road is now open from Tavua to Rakiraki, Yaqara Bridge.
  • Savusavu Jetty is closed due to causeway washout and is expected to open this afternoon.
  • Nabouwalu Jetty, Taveuni Jetty in Waiyavu and Koro Jetty in Koro are closed due to causeway washout. Nabouwalu to Wailevu road located near Kubulau Road section is closed due to tree debris.

Vanua Levu Island  - Population 135,961 16°35′S 179°11′E

Labasa
• 23 Feb: Labasa Hospital is the only medical service in the Northern Division that is fully functional. (source)
23 Feb: Families at the Labasa evacuation centres and schools have returned to their homes. ([source](#))

**Nabouwalu**
- 24 Feb: Nabouwalu Jetty - the lower ramp is accessible. ([source](#))
- 24 Feb: Nabouwalu Jetty damage ([Video](#)).
- 23 Feb: Nabouwalu sub-divisional Hospital service has been reduced to one ward. Two bodies were transported to Labasa Hospital mortuary with their vaccines on Sunday. A generator was hired from a community in Nabouwalu for the hospital. ([source](#))
- 22 Feb: The wharf has been destroyed. ([source](#))

**Savusavu**
- 24 Feb: The Savusavu jetty is able to commence limited operations effective immediately. ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: The airport in Savusavu is closed. ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: About 10 yachts were thrown inland from the Savusavu Bay during the onslaught of TC Winston on Saturday. ([source](#))
- 23 Feb, 6:18 FJT - Assessment teams are currently on the ground in Savusavu to get a detailed report on the extent of damage. ([source](#))

**Vatukaloko**
- 23 Feb: “Food ration, Clothes is needed immediately to the Vanua Vatukaloko which was battered badly by Cyclone Winston. Your help is immediately needed.” ([source](#))

**Naleiga Village**
- 24 Feb: Naleiga village 23/26 houses destroyed in Nailega village, ([source](#))

**Taveuni Island** - Population 9,000 16°47′37″S 180°00′00″E
- 23 Feb: “South side of Taveuni Island is completely cut off and 4,000 people are desperate with NO food and NO homes. Their Mother is injured and has no way to get medical assistance. Urgent assistance required please.” ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: 19 evacuation centres are active in Taveuni, with 2,840 evacuees. ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: Six teams from the Divisional Emergency Operations Centre in Labasa have been sent to Taveuni to carry out Detailed Damage Assessments (DDA). ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: Taveuni Island photos ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: The Northern Divisional Planning Officer Alipate Bolalevu yesterday led an emergency operation team to Taveuni click here for their assessment.
- 23 Feb: Over four hundred people on the island of Taveuni are currently sheltered in nine evacuation centres and four residences. ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: The Vodafone Network to the Island is still down as TFL is working to fully restore services on the Island. ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: The two main port of entries by sea to Taveuni, the Lovonivonu Jetty and Salia Jetty have been badly damaged. The two jetties are now inaccessible and will be unusable for the next few weeks. Only fibre glass boats are currently being used for transportation to and from Taveuni and to other parts of the island. The Divisional Emergency Operation Centre in Labasa has requested the National Emergency Operations Center in Suva for the provision of a barge for the transportation of supplies especially food to the island. ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: A bridge in Taveuni South has cut off the area from the rest of the island. ([source](#))
- 23 Feb: The Taveuni sub-divisional hospital is partly operating. They are using generator, there are four bodies in the mortuary, and vaccines are well stored. The old nurses’ quarters’ roof is destroyed and nurses have been relocated to the hospital. ([source](#))

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Central Division

Tailevu District - Population 21,645 17°50′S 178°30′E
- 23 Feb: Tailevu North - Villages affected are waiting for any form of assistance. Nausatoka Village was one of the worst hit. The evacuation center was destroyed, and people had to shelter in the church. The main priority is to prevent any disease outbreaks. (source)
- 23 Feb: Several villagers of Veilolo, Delakodo, Natadradave, Vorovoro and Nacalacalai were finally able to make their way home yesterday. They sought refuge at the Tailevu North Secondary School when the cyclone hit. (source)
- 23 Feb: Ratu Kadavulevu School and staff quarters sustained severe damage. Nearly all the classrooms have been damaged. (source)
- 23 Feb: Naveiveiwalu, Tailevu - Photo of destroyed home. (source)
- 23 Feb: Navi Village, Tailevu - Photo of destroyed home. (source)

Naitasiri Province - Population 160,759 17°50′S 178°15′E
- 23 Feb: Naqali Village - many people are homeless, and many homes have sustained damage. The water is rising in low-lying areas. They have no electricity or water. It is expected to be 2 weeks before power is restored. Water should be restored later in the week. Dalo patches and cassava farms are flooded. (source)

Western Division

General Updates for Western Division
23 Feb:
- Water supply has been restored to at least 80% of the Western Division (source)
- 6000 people in the Western Division are living in evacuation centres. (source)
- Relief rations will be given to those whose livelihoods have been lost. (source)
- Damages sustained by schools in the Western Division, which are still early indications that are accumulating, total $2.2 million. (source)

Ba District
- 24 Feb: Ba Town is closed. Only one supermarket was open but the crowd was unimaginable. Shelves were empty. Bank services were down. Unable to do any sort of shopping. Minor shopping centers are almost empty. Market was closed. No vegetables in sight. What are we going to eat? No idea at all. Spoke to Fiji electricity authority technicians and they said power will be out in my area for minimum a month (Source)
- 24 Feb: Arya Kanya Pathshala The roof of main building and staff quarters are blown away.
- 23 Feb: “Went to Navoli Ba yesterday. Hardly any houses were standing upright.some houses totally dismantled and that included my father in laws house. Ba Total wreckage Worse than nadi and lautoka.” (source)
- 23 Feb: Yalalevu, Ba - 30 families in AKP School need assistance. (source)

Lautoka - Population 52,220 17°37′27″S 177°27′10″E
- 23 Feb: “Major engineering fails at the new wing of Lautoka municipal market. Roof is leaking from the middle of the new wing & somehow there is water coming out of the floor joints.” (source)
- 23 Feb: Sawen i Lautoka - “I need help to build my sister's house in saweni lautoka….they still have no power yet.” (source)
23 Feb: Damage photos from Lautoka. (source)
23 Feb: House damage photos from Lovu Lautoka. (source)

Ra Province - population 29,464 17°30′S 178°10′E

- 24 Feb: 1168 evacuated infants need clothing and formula. (source)
- 23 Feb: There are 8867 evacuees. (source)
- 23 Feb: Houses, schools, the police post and health centers are without roof tops and power-lines now lie beside the road sides. Government officials in Rakiraki have visited most areas in the province. They have assessed the situation on the ground and are awaiting the arrival of the DISMAC team. (source)
- 22 Feb: Latest stats from Dismac Rakiraki via @fijitv, for Ra Province indicates 8 confirmed deaths with 2 kids needing emergency airlift. (source)

Nanokonoko Village

- 23 Feb: Nanokonoko Village in the interior of Ra has lost more than 50 houses. The village is now without proper water and food supplies. Their plantations are now just a barren land. (source)

Rakiraki

- 23 Feb: Ellington Rakiraki - family needs medicine and shelter. Photo of destroyed home. (source)
- 23 Feb: Madhuvani, Rakiraki - photo of destroyed house. (source)
- 23 Feb: Vunikavikaloa, Rakiraki - Photo of destroyed house (source)
- 23 Feb: Rakiraki town will be closed from 7.30 am today. This was confirmed by the Ra Provincial Administrator-Kelepi Kubunameca as works need to be done in most town areas due to the effects of Winston. (source)
- 23 Feb: Acting High Commissioner from the UK Foreign Office travelled today to Rakiraki, to evacuate British nationals. (source)

Tavua

- 23 Feb: Women in the Tavua area will focus on food security in the coming days as many food gardens across the northern half of Viti Levu have been flattened. These provide sources of income and food. (source)

Mamanuca Islands - 17°40′S 177°05′E

Mana Island

- 23 Feb: The Mana Island Resort is badly damaged and will be closed until July. (source)

Yasawa Group

- 22 Feb: The whole Yasawa Island chain is experiencing issues with cellular towers, and communications to all resorts in the region are down. Communication companies are advising communications should be up in a day or two. (source)

Matacawa Levu Island

- 23 Feb: “No loss of life in Vuaki, Yaqeta and Matacawalevu villages but here's what's left of a school classroom” (video of destroyed classroom). (source)

Yaqeta Island

- 23 Feb: Widespread damage on Yaqeta Island, with four houses confirmed to have been destroyed. (source)

Communications and Power

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Communications

- 23 Feb, 18:11 FJT - four telephone lines to Koro Island have been activated by Telecom Fiji Limited. They will allow residents of island to call families and friends on any TFL line in Fiji for free. (source)
- 23 Feb: It’s been confirmed that the TFL main link is now up for Nabouwalu and Savusavu. However, communication will be disrupted at times. (source)
- 23 Feb: Landline connections for Labasa and Savusavu are no connected. For Bua, only EasyTel connection is accessible. (source)
- 23 Feb: Mobile communications for Labasa and Savusavu Towns have been fully restored. (source)
- 23 Feb: Mobile communication for the interior of Cakaudrove and Bua are still down. (source)
- Digicel Fiji has restored its network in Navua, Serua, Korolevu, Sigatoka, Nadi, Lautoka and Nausori, and teams are now focusing on connecting the rest of Fiji (source).
- 23 Feb: A team from TFL is leaving for Taveuni today to start works on restoring communication there. (source)
- 22 Feb: The whole Yasawa Island chain is experiencing issues with cellular towers, and communications to all resorts in the region are down. (source)

Power

- 23 Feb: The Fiji Electricity Authority says damages to the 132,000 Volts transmission line and the sub-transmission lines in the Western Division have been extensive. FEA chief executive Hasmukh Patel says a team of engineers were able to patrol and inspect the area. He says three steel lattice transmission towers have been damaged. Two fallen towers on the Nadarivatu line has cut of supply from the Nadarivatu Hydro Power Scheme. Similarly, there is a fallen tower on the Wailoa to Vuda transmission line which has cut of supply of electricity from the Wailoa Power Station to the Western Division. Repair works from today. It is anticipated these repair works would take up to three weeks. (source)