



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS IN FIJI AFTER TROPICAL CYCLONE WINSTON

Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston was one of the strongest tropical cyclones to make landfall in Fiji. The loss of food crops, livestock, fisheries and related infrastructures caused by the cyclone was extensive and a State of Natural Disaster was declared by the Government of Fiji on 20 February 2016. The objective of this emergency project was the rapid re-establishment of agricultural and fisheries production in the most affected households. The project aimed to provide the inputs and technical support needed to revive livelihoods and restore food security to households and communities in the most affected areas.



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project targeted the most affected households in severely or extremely impacted areas by providing the agricultural, livestock, forestry and fisheries inputs and technical support required to revive livelihoods and restore food security to households and communities. Priority was given to those with extensive damage to their food producing systems, above all the small-scale subsistence/artisanal sector. The project had three principal activities: the rehabilitation of government and privately-owned nursery facilities and the establishment of 11 new privately-owned nurseries; the provision of planting material, egg-laying chickens and materials to repair livestock shelters and enclosures to around 800 households; and the provision of training and assistance to fishers in the form of boat repairs, safety gear and the trial of new fishing methods. More than 900 households received new fishing gear under the final output.

IMPACT

Thanks to the project, nursery owners now receive a regular income from the sale of seedlings, while surrounding farmers obtain good returns from their crops because of the healthy and robust seedlings used. Mr Rohit Kumar, a nursery owner whose nursery was very badly damaged, had started to raise new seedlings only two weeks after the construction of a new nursery. One month later, he was selling seedlings to neighbouring farmers and farmers further afield. Rohit has already earned FJD 27 986. Similar results were obtained in livestock activities, where beneficiaries who received egg-laying chickens are now saving money from egg sales to purchase more chickens. The training provided in the repair and maintenance of fishing boats and engines will also ensure benefits in the future, while the provision of safety equipment and training for small boats travelling outside the lagoon is expected to reduce safety-at-sea incidents.

KEY FACTS

Contribution

USD 498 000

Duration

March 2016 – August 2017

Resource Partners

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Partners

Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Forestry and Fisheries, Pacific Community

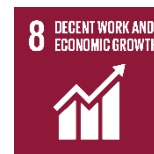
Beneficiaries

Households most severely affected by Tropical Cyclone Winston



ACTIVITIES

- Three government nurseries rehabilitated and 11 privately-owned nurseries set up.
- Leaflet produced on nursery management prepared in local languages, and training provided.
- Planting materials and seedlings, including dalo suckers and 5 569 coconut seed nuts, collected from other islands and distributed.
- Nurseries provided with the necessary equipment.
- Farming households (792 beneficiaries) provided with dalo suckers to re-establish production.
- Egg-laying chickens provided to 710 beneficiaries.
- Materials to repair livestock shelters and enclosures provided to 406 beneficiaries.
- Training provided to beneficiaries supplied with livestock.
- Repairs carried out on 16 boats and 46 engines and training provided in boat and engine repair to 29 participants.
- Safety gear provided, along with training in its correct use.
- Fishing gear distributed to 9 358 households in three provinces.
- Trial conducted for night fishing for small pelagics, and training provided to 12 men and two women.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Project Code

TCP/FIJ/3504

Project Title

Emergency Assistance for the Re establishment of Agricultural and Fisheries Production in Households in Areas Most Affected by Tropical Cyclone Winston

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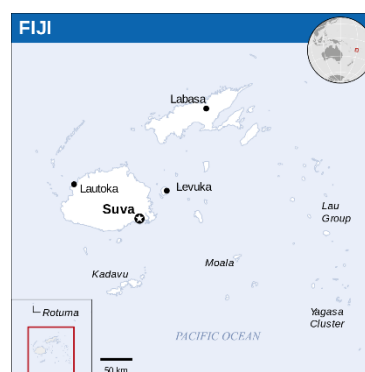
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