

Rebuilding a Resilient Pacific after Tropical Cyclone Winston

Life and Hope in Fiji



Under The Floor Escaping Destruction

Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (ACANZP) Disaster Response Plan Stage I

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is the ACANZP Disaster Response Plan which the Diocese of Polynesia has developed and agreed to in partnership with the Anglican Missions

Board, on behalf of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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The Diocese of Polynesia has mobilised their clergy and lay people on the ground to offer pastoral support and immediate assistance while working in partnership with those affected. AMB staff have provided pastoral support and assessment assistance on the ground in Fiji.

There is an urgent need to rebuild homes and communities brick by brick as families and communities seek to rebuild their lives.

2.0 URGENT NEEDS ANALYSIS

We want to focus on rebuilding where the need is greatest.

Stage 1 will focus on a remote village completely devastated by Cyclone Winston. There are 33 homes needing to be rebuilt in this village alone.

Maniava is situated in Ra, on the eastern side of the main island of Fiji. It was one of the places where the eye of TC Winston impacted. One hundred and thirty eight villagers have lost their homes (see page listing houses), among these children and young people. Maniava provides a window into the larger picture of devastation in Fiji.

The Diocese has created the TC Winston Care Committee to assess needs and to implement action. The Committee, which comprises of senior members of staff, recognizes the situation of Maniava as a priority for the following reasons:

1. The majority of the houses in Maniava together with belongings and crops have been destroyed.
2. The people have a healthy aim to be self-supporting. This spirit needs to be recognized and assisted.

3. The people are mostly Anglicans remote from a main centre. We as Anglicans have a particular responsibility for their well-being. .

4. By helping the people of Maniava to stand on their own feet, they can be strengthened to help their neighbouring villages also in need.

Archbishop Winston chairs the Diocesan Care Committee for the response to Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston. **The call is for urgent action.** In these weeks after the cyclone there has been little or no rain. The remains of houses are open to heat of the sun and there is little to wear or eat. Nevertheless, people have started to rebuild and plant.

How do we begin to address the needs? The Diocese has released five senior leaders, the Vicar General, the Diocesan Secretary, the Ministry Officer, the Dean of Suva Cathedral and the Principal of St John the Baptist Theological College to give priority time for two months to co-ordinate information and resources in the urgent task of responding to the need in Maniava.

Subsequently AMB has created a committee, the ACANZP Disaster Response Committee to support the TC Winston Care Committee of the diocese of Polynesia. This consists of all TC Winston Care Committee members plus 3 AMB staff and a media liaison person:

CEO Anglican Missions: Rev Canon Robert Kereopa (New Zealand) – Overseas Coordinator

AMB Projects Officer: Rev Mike Hawke (New Zealand)

AMB Finance Manager: Dr Sudesh Wasoori (New Zealand)

Lloyd Ashton, Media liaison (New Zealand)

MANIAVA HOUSES

Completely destroyed by TC Winston.

	FAMILIES	AGE	HOUSE SIZE (IN FEET)	NUMBERS IN THE FAMILY
1	Pita Avu	24	22x12	1
2	Viliame Levunamasi	32	18x16	2
3	Mosese Kakaramu (1)	69	40x30	5
4	Salote Tagimainaceva	57	22x18	3
5	Akuila Rokotuisuva	34	18x16	2
6	Waisea Radrodoro	51	20 x 18	1
7	Luisa Kona	47	24 x 18	6
8	Viliame Ganivatu	57	24x16	3
9	Mosese Kakaramu (2)	46	18x16	6

10	Joseva Vakacoko	51	24x18	7
11	Simione Ravu	66	24x16	8
12	Orisi Baravilala	57	24x16	2
13	Rupeni Drakabula	63	30x16	7
14	Jimi Suka	26	24x18	3
15	Anaseini Rokotuva	61	17x14	3
16	Setareki Bawai	40	20x20	6
17	Waisake Ritalau	35	24x16	2
18	Willy Sanegar	47	18x14	3
19	Vilimone Veilawa	33	24x18	3
20	Jone Avitalau	54	21x20	2
21	Aporosa Latianara	33	24x16	6
22	Apenisa Macedru	42	24x16	8
23	Iliesa Celua	38	24x17	7
24	Waisake Raikadroka (1)	54	24x18	2
25	Deve Wakili	39	35x22	5
26	Josevata Qase	36	18x16	2
27	Alisi Aloa	55	30x20	2
28	Meri Maria	63	22x18	3
29	Ruveni Ganivatu	52	18x16	5
30	Waisake Raikadroka (2)	30	24x16	3
31	Vilidani Waqamaira	30	27x14	5
32	Peni Waqamaira	59	30x18	7
33	Sailasa Taria	45	24x18	8
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Total Houses Destroyed: 33 Total Number of People without homes: 138

The estimated cost of rebuilding stronger units is an average of \$7,000 per unit.

3.0 RELIEF SUPPORT BUDGET

This is the estimated budget set for Stage 1

PARTICULAR	AMOUNT(FJD)	TOTAL BALANCE(FJD)
STAGE 1: Maniava rebuild	231,000	231,000
STAGE 1 TOTAL COST		FJ\$<u>231,000</u>

The budget is subject to changes upon further demand and further expenses that may be incurred in the near future as well as availability of additional funding from within ACANZP, partner agencies and supporters.

The CEO of AMB will work with the Diocese of Polynesia to clarify how funds will be allocated and reported on. All funds outside the diocese of Polynesia should be channelled through the Anglican Missions Board based in Wellington, New Zealand.

4.0 DISASTER RESPONSE ACTION

The ACANZP Disaster Response Action sought to engage the people from the diocese of Polynesia to assess the needs of those communities with whom they have strong relationships. The underlying fact is that the National Disaster Responses of Fiji and Tonga have their own focus while other agencies including ACANZP Disaster Response will contribute relief support and recovery engagements taking into account that there will be no duplication of efforts done for both.

In terms of timing, the rebuilding will begin immediately and will gain momentum as funds come to hand. The reality is that the response relies on the prayers and goodwill support of our Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia as well as the support of our international partners.

5.0 CONCLUSION

With this Response Plan, the ACANZP will ensure updates and reports on any changes to this plan taking into account ongoing assessments and engagements. When the Maniava project is complete, further stages may be considered.

The church as an agency for disaster response will ensure proper coordination while aligning its efforts with national disaster relief actions of both countries, Fiji and Tonga.

With this plan, the ACANZP would like to acknowledge the strong relationship and support from all its partner agencies and supporters in responding to this disaster.