

ILO Assessment Report: Community Based Emergency Employment – Nabulini, Manu and Naibita Village.

Back ground:

The category 5 tropical cyclone Winston (TCW) which made landfall in Fiji on 20th February 2016 was the strongest storm to ever form in the southern pacific, making it 2nd only to super typhoon Haiyan, that struck the Philippines in 2013.

The government of Fiji has declared a state of natural disaster as TCW directly affected 350,000 people; in the western (74%), Northern (14%), Central (8%) and Eastern (4%) divisions. Of these 180,000 are men and 170,000 women.

As of 29th February 2016, there has been 43 confirmed deaths, 899 active evacuation centres housing 54,615 people and 1,177 schools still closed. Industries affected include agriculture and livestock, fisheries and commerce (SME's) across the four divisions.



Houses destroyed in one of the target communities.

Objective of this programme

With the severity of the recent cyclone local residents experienced hardship, lost days and weeks of income and some were displaced to emergency shelters and lost household possessions and assets. The ILO through its Community Based Emergency Employment programme or better known as the “Cash for Work Programme” seeks to assist the financial recovery of the affected people by providing a temporary source of cash income in exchange for work related to restoration of livelihoods activities and improving preparedness for future floods. Quick visible impact of the programme in the affected areas gives people hope and motivation to move forward.

The main advantage of “cash” is its flexibility. Participants may use the cash earned to purchase food for their families, pay school fees, pay off debts, community obligations or other uses, depending on their family circumstances and priorities. Participants are encouraged to use their cash wisely and carefully. The money earned will help the town’s economy as it will be spent locally.

Who can/will participate

This programme will specifically target three villages as discussed and agreed with the Ministry of Employment, Productivity & Industrial Relations. The villages of Naibita, Nabulini and Manu has been identified

for this support which is located in the district of Tailevu and is classified as priority area seven by NDMO for emergency response.

In consultation with the village head men from the above mentioned villages the following number of persons has been identified who many wish to participate in the programme. In the village of Naibita two persons with disabilities reside their and should they wish they would be invited to participate in the programme.

1. Naibita Village – 20 Males and 20 females.
2. Nabulini Village - 30 Males and 10 females.
3. Manu Village – 30 Males and 10 females.

All due considerations will also be provided to persons with disabilities and females who may wish to participate in the programmes.

Findings of the mission:

A mission was undertaken on the 7th of March for initial assessment of the damages sustained by the identified villages with staff from ILO CO Suva office, Ministry of Employment, Productivity & Industrial Relations and staff from Ministry of Agriculture.

The results of the finds are as follows which has been placed in a tabular form:

1. Number of people in the village?

<u>Village</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manu	63	43	106
Naibita	131	96	227
Nabulini	Breakdown not known	Breakdown not known	192
Total			525

2. Number of Houses Destroyed?

<u>Village</u>	<u>Fully Destroyed</u>	<u>Partially Destroyed</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manu	6	9	15
Naibita	18	40	58
Nabulini	28	8	36
Total	52	57	109

3. Number of Schools Destroyed?

Primary	1	Secondary	2
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Due to the close proximity of the three villages most of the students either attend Nailega District School, Navesau Adventist High School, or Wainibuka Secondary School. All three of

these schools has sustained damages but classes has resumed as of 7th of March. Students from Nabulini did not go to school on the day of the mission as the transport which takes the students to school did not arrive. Students from Manu village are having difficulties in getting to their respective schools as they need to cross a river in order to get to school. The only boat which the village had which transported students has drifted away with the floods as result of heavy rains during the cyclone. Students from Nabulini all were at school told by the headman.

4. Number of students out school as the result of the cyclone?

Village	Primary		Secondary	
	Manu	Male: 8	Female: 7	Female: 8
Naibita	Male: INA	Female: INA	Female: INA	Male: INA
Nabulini	Male: Nil	Female: Nil	Female: Nil	Male: Nil

The headman from Nabulini village did not have information as to how many students got affected by the floods but he did mention that a total of 116 students from his village attend the schools nearby. Manu village headman provided that approximately 30 students from both primary and secondary school got affected by the floods and may resume classes later.

5. Number of farmers in the village?

<u>Village</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manu	15	5	20
Naibita	68	0	68
Nabulini	54	0	54
Total	137	5	142

6. Number of farms destroyed?

<u>Village</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manu	40 approximately
Naibita	100 approximately
Nabulini	106 approximately
Total	246 approximately



Assessment forms being completed with community leaders.

Damages to other infrastructure / Farms

- Nabulini Village – Damages to water pipes, the village church and three road side markets has been damaged with other very minor damages to public infrastructure.
- Manu Village – Damages to Community hall toilets, small boat used to transport people to and fro river has drifted in the floods during the cyclone.
- Naibita Village – Damages to water pipers has been repaired, six road side stalls has been damaged, and these were the stalls used to sell the produce from the farms. These villagers heavily relied on the roadside stalls to sell their produce as they did not take their produce to Korovou or Rakiraki markets to sell.

All three villages has reported that most of their farms has been destroyed and has affected their incomes as most the crops were either taken to the markets or sold by the roadside. Only two cattle deaths recorded each in Naibita and Manu village.

According the villagers crops which has been destroyed mainly are: banana,vudi, duruka,eggplant,dalo,cassava,yams,bele,pumkin,chillies,coconut,ginger,pineapple,avocado. All three villages have similar crops as above.



Damaged Farms.

Recovery Progress:

All three villages has identified repairing homes, schools, roadside markets, cleaning debris and rehabilitating their farms as their first priority.

Request to provide tools for cleaning and cutting down fallen trees and re-establishing farms were common in all three villages.

Villagers did mentioned that they had tradespersons to undertake repairs to buildings and other facilities damaged e.g. carpenters, plumbers etc.

Tools requested were as follows:

- Knives, forks, spades, pesticide sprayers, gumboots, chainsaws, brush cutters, postholes etc.

Important Note:

Please note that the figures that has been provided was obtained in consultation with the respective village heads from the three villages and has not been verified by the respective authorities.

Risks

Access to Manu village is only through the river the flows between the kings' road and the village. During heavy rain the river floods and access is limited which makes it difficult for school children to go to schools, transport supplies, access medical facilities etc.

The team providing support to this programme during implementation stages needs to ensure that safety measures are taken to for safety and the persons involved from the community.