

Integral Responds to Cyclone Winston in Fiji

Immediate Release



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Integral Members have raised an alert for Cyclone Winston, a category 5 storm which cut a path of destruction across Fiji on 20-21 February 2016. Damage to agriculture is estimated to be US\$61 million with 100 per cent of crops destroyed in the worst affected areas. With an estimated 50,000 people currently sheltering in nearly 800 evacuation centres, the Fiji government has declared a 30 day State of Natural Disaster. [Source and more info [here](#)]

Three Integral Members are responding to this disaster, with a number of others still considering how they can be involved. Integral Member Transform Aid is partnering with ADRA Fiji who are on the ground conducting needs assessments and mobilising relief items. Tearfund New Zealand mobilised a team to fly to Fiji in the immediate aftermath of the storm to support their three long standing partners in the region. Their partners are assessing needs and looking to provide food and non-food items support, temporary shelter, water and psycho-social support in some of the worst affected areas. Their work focuses on the poorest and most vulnerable communities living in informal settlements.

John Watson, Tearfund's Communications Officer, reports from the field, "Urgent needs now are tarpaulins, chainsaws, generators, shelter, jerry cans, and water containers. Aid organisations have been asked by the Fijian government to help provide these items, so Tearfund will be working to source these items locally and deliver them to the seven communities we're working in across Fiji."

Jan Eyre, Integral's Disaster Management and Programme Coordinator, says, "We have a very strong network in place in this region because of our previous work together when Cyclone Pam devastated Vanuatu. We are looking to build on those relationships and the excellent work that was done in incorporating resilience in building back better in this extremely disaster prone region.

"We will continue to coordinate this response and facilitate the sharing of information, plans, proposals, funding sources and needs, stories and photos. We know we can achieve more by working together and sharing our expertise and resources."

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Integral has 23 Members with headquarters in 14 countries.

Integral Members work in over 80 countries, with more than 650 local partners, in over 40 sectors and have a combined income of over \$700m USDs.

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On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively.

Integral Members have a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters, with the **Integral Disaster Response Process** co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

- For more info see www.integralalliance.org