



Shelter Cluster Fiji

Response to TC Winston & Key Recommendations

To coordinate the shelter response to TC Winston, Shelter Cluster Fiji was activated (after having first been activated for TC Evan in 2012). The government is leading the cluster through the Ministry of Local Government, Housing & Environment (MoLGH&E) with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) as the humanitarian co-lead agency. A Shelter Coordination Team has been deployed by IFRC to support the Ministry for the shelter response to TC Winston.

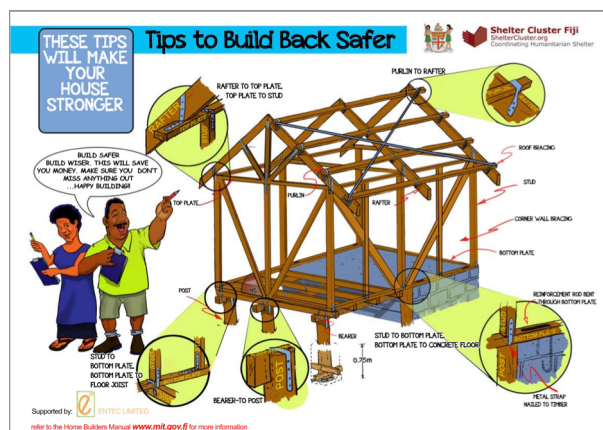
Representatives from more than 58 organizations and agencies have attended Shelter Cluster Fiji meetings for TC Winston response, and continue to receive regular information sharing and updates. 29 organizations and agencies have reported shelter activities so far for the TC Winston response.

Shelter Cluster partners, including the Government of Fiji, have distributed over **27,600 households worth of emergency shelter, including tents, tarpaulins, shelter kits and shelter tool kits, and have distributed over 50,000 shelter items in total** over the Flash Appeal period (end of May, 2016).

Shelter Cluster Fiji is working closely with government to continue to address identified gaps in the response, as well as advocating for further funding and **support to owner-driven recovery and Build Back Safer (BBS) awareness and further technical training**. Partners aim to implement these activities to **complement the Government's Help for Homes Initiative**, which looks to provide thousands of Fijians with access to free building materials so that they can get a roof back over their head after Tropical Cyclone Winston.

A three day "Training the Trainers" pilot BBS technical training program was run by Shelter Cluster and Habitat for Humanity Fiji in early May, which could be replicated in months to come in most of the affected communities. Fiji National University, with the support of IOM and Habitat for Humanity, plan to implement similar training in the 14 villages and 2 settlements of Koro Island.

Critical funding gaps remain for Shelter Cluster partners in this transition to recovery to carry out technical training programs and Build Back Safer message dissemination, as well for programs supporting those most vulnerable with repair or retrofit of damaged homes or construction of core shelters for those with completely destroyed homes. It is imperative that owner-builder led recovery initiatives be informed by the principles of BBS.



Poster develop by the Shelter Cluster, exists in English, Fijian and Hindi

TC Winston Shelter Cluster Strategy & Objectives

To support owner-driven recovery, by investing in disaster preparedness and risk reduction while prioritizing the most vulnerable households and communities.

- **Objective 1:** Provision of emergency shelter and Non-Food Items, with supporting Information, Education & Communication material (IEC).
- **Objective 2:** Support to self-recovery to repair and rebuild damaged house with hardware or cash/voucher equivalent and appropriate training and IEC material.
- **Objective 3:** Along with IEC, provide technical training on building back safer for skilled/semi-skilled carpenters.



Communities at work (source – WFP) – Shelter Cluster Fiji meeting – Building Back Safer training (source Shelter Cluster)

Shelter Cluster Fiji TC Winston response - key recommendations from lessons learned workshop

23 representatives of 15 organizations attended the Lessons Learned workshop organized by Shelter Cluster Fiji on Friday, 8th July 2016. The objective was to reflect on what worked well and what could be improved on the TC Winston response, as well as to reflect on the TC Evan response. Ten recommendations have been shared and endorsed by the Government Shelter Cluster lead, to be included in National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) upcoming national Lessons Learned workshop.

Recommendations		Key area
1	Ensure that IEC materials are available in all languages required.	Preparedness
2	Enhance shelter & settlement resilience in Fiji through the implementation of an adequate Building Back Safe framework and mechanisms comprising of awareness, technical support, monitoring and trainings.	Building Back Safer
3	Strengthen Shelter Cluster coordination framework through increased shared governance between Ministry of Local Government, Housing & Environment (MoLGH&E), Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management (MoRMD&NDM) and Ministry of Infrastructure and transport (MoI&T).	Coordination
4	Enhance inter-agency and inter-cluster post-disaster needs assessment and mechanisms, i.e. standardized format.	Assessments
5	Advocate for more funding to upscale Building Back Safer training scheme.	Building Back Safer
6	Enhance involvement of divisional and provincial representatives in cluster meetings.	Coordination
7	Enhance contingency planning and response capacity through decentralized coordination and preposition of stocks in common warehousing to support partnership between all stakeholders .	Contingency planning
8	Encourage gender balanced in government coordination structure, and disability lens in shelter programming.	Coordination
9	Enhance inter-cluster information flow and systems ; including dissemination of information between cluster and NDMO liaison personnel.	Inter-cluster coordination
10	Resource mapping as disaster risk reduction and preparedness , and enhance dissemination of information in all languages for everyone to understand .	Preparedness



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