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This incident occurred approximately 2.08 km from EY Suva



Vanua Levu island: Minimise non-essential movement following passage of Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasa (Correction)



Level: Advisory Location: Fiji

Category: Cyclone, Infrastructure outage, Transport disruption

Members in Vanua Levu island **until at least 19 December** should minimise non-essential movement following the passage of Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasa. The cyclone, currently a Category 3 (third highest on a five-tier scale), made landfall on Vanua Levu on 17 December. It has since exited Fiji and is moving in a south-east direction away from the country. The authorities have allowed public transport to resume and businesses to re-open. A nationwide curfew is also in place for 18 December. The curfew will be from **17.00-06.00 (all times local)** in Vanua Levu and from **20.00-05.00** in the rest of the country.

Advice

Inbound travellers

• Continue to defer travel to Fiji due to restrictions related to COVID-19.

Managers

- Regularly monitor the status of staff after Yasa's passage. Establish
 communication protocols for vulnerable employees and ensure they adhere
 to them. Telecommunications, including mobile internet services, may be
 temporarily disrupted in affected areas, making it difficult to contact stranded
 employees.
- Continue to monitor the Fiji Meteorological Service (FMS) <u>website</u> for up-todate information on weather conditions.
- Ensure staff comply with all local government directives amid ongoing emergency response efforts.

Those in worst-affected areas

- Members in Vanua Levu, following the passage of Yasa, should minimise non-essential movement **until at least 19 December**.
- Any essential movement should be conducted after reconfirming the feasibility of overland journeys via local contacts before setting out.
- Avoid low-lying and coastal areas due to the potential for flash floods caused by heavy rain. In addition, roads in the worst-affected areas are likely to be blocked by debris and flooding. Do not attempt to drive through flooded areas and stay away from fallen trees and power lines. If you come across a flooded road, turn around and find another route to your destination.

In-country employees

- Members in other parts of Fiji, including the capital Suva, should plan
 journeys accounting for disruption during the storm's passage until at least
 19 December.
- The intensity and trajectory of tropical storms can change abruptly. Continue to monitor the FMS <u>website</u> for up-to-date information on weather conditions. Be prepared to adjust itineraries at short notice.
- Further short-notice disruption to transport due to the cyclone's passage, including at Nadi (NAN) and Nausori (SUV, both Viti Levu island) international airports. We do not hold specific information on flights and other modes of transport. If planning to travel in areas affected by Yasa, reconfirm transport bookings with the relevant service providers. In the event of any cancellations, your travel agent will be able to assist with alternative arrangements.

More detail

Strong winds are still expected in the rest of Fiji, with rough to very rough seas **for 18 December**. There is still potential for storm surges at low lying coastal areas, with heights of up to 10 feet (3 metres) possible during high tide in the evening of 18

December. Flooding in low-lying areas and areas near water bodies remain possible in Vanua Levu and low-lying areas of eastern Viti Levu.

At least two people have reportedly died as a result of the storm. Twenty-one houses and a community hall were destroyed by Yasa in Tiliva (Bua province, Vanua Levu), where the storm made landfall. Parts of Vanua Levu have been rendered inaccessible by flood waters and are without communications but authorities are working to restore essential services in affected areas.

A nationwide COVID-19 related curfew, from 23.00-4.00, will go into effect from **19 December**.

Flight cancellations have been reported at Nadi and Nausori international airports until at least 18 December. The Fiji Natural Disaster Management Office (NDMO) has suspended all ferry and public transport services until further notice. All schools and bank branches under the Association of Banks in Fiji are also closed. The NDMO has assured the public that essential services will remain available.

Infrastructure damage from strong winds and severe flooding has been reported in villages on Koro and Taveuni islands. Power outages and disruption to water supply and telecommunications have been reported, including in Viti Levu. This may last several days or even weeks. Following the passage of former severe tropical cyclone Harold in April, power was not restored for several weeks. Yasa may also exacerbate existing water supply issues in southern Naitasiri province (Central division, Viti Levu).

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