



DONATION REPORT

# Overcoming Winston

## Nakorotubu District School

1 Nov 2016

## Our First Donation

### About Nakorotubu District School

Situated in Northern Viti Levu, Fiji's largest island, the Nakorotubu District School caters to the villages of Naocobau, Namarai, Nadavacia, Saioko, Verevere, Nabukadra, and Nayavutoka in the province of Ra. This put it almost directly in the path of Cyclone Winston.



Nakorotubu District School in 2014 before cyclone Winston.

The school also functions as a boarding school for students who have to travel far distances to reach the campus. Classes 1 through 8 are taught in the school. The school also provides kindergarten education. Altogether, the school serves almost 200 children, 8 teachers, and 1 kindergarten teacher.

### Winston's Damages

Cyclone Winston caused around \$0.9 billion USD of damage when it made landfall in Fiji on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Almost \$37.2 million USD of that includes damages to the education sector. As we drove to the Nakorotubu District School, we also observed that many households are still living in donated tents. The School itself is estimated to have suffered around \$1 million USD in long term damages.

Every building was affected in the Nakorotubu District School, including the staff quarters. To continue teaching, some teachers, including the kindergarten teacher, were forced to move into their classrooms.



Nakorotubu District School Staff Quarters completely destroyed. Source: HLK Jacob. Cyclone Winston Preliminary Assessment.



Kindergarten building serving the dual purpose of classroom and living quarters for the kindergarten teacher.

### Your Donation

Sanitation is a significant issue post-cyclone, and while the new kindergarten is being rebuilt with funds from the schools' community account, no funds remain to rebuild toilets and showers for the kids. With your help, on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, we were able to donate **\$1454 USD** that will fully fund the construction and piping of a full shower and toilet facility for the kindergarten.

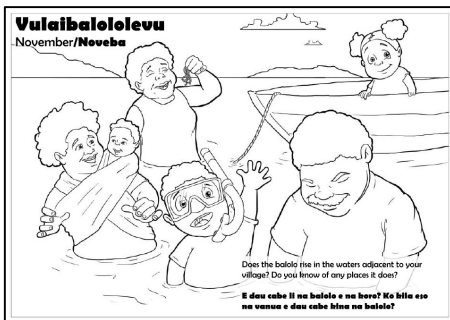


Members of our team discussing donation goals with the Nakorotubu District School Management Committee.

The school's headmaster reported that the materials for the toilets and showers have been purchased and have begun to be delivered to the site. The grounds manager for the school will begin constructing the toilets and showers as soon as the remaining materials are delivered. Construction materials remain in high demand throughout the country as communities continue to rebuild their homes, schools, and shared facilities.

### Traditional Calendars

Our visit served a dual purpose. In addition to delivering your donations to the school, we also returned to distribute coloring books created by the research team that are based on the Traditional Fijian calendar. The coloring books were developed as a result of community concerns about the challenges of passing on traditional knowledge. This knowledge is adaptive and based on centuries of observations about the local environment, which are passed down generationally. Among other things, traditional knowledge can be important for recognizing when natural disasters are approaching as well as preparing and recovering from such disasters.

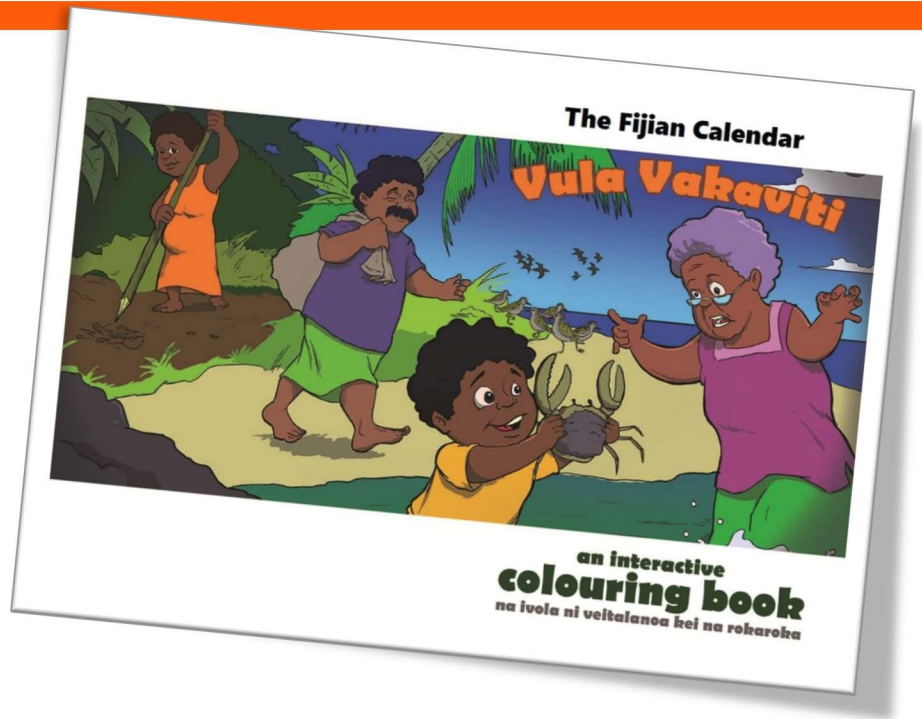


The November page from the Traditional Fijian Calendar Coloring book

The transmission of this knowledge has become increasingly more challenging and this book was designed to help facilitate dialogue between elders and children so that children can acquire the place-based knowledge important for resilience.



Team member teaching a lesson on place-based knowledae



### Future Donations

Future donations will take place after the Holiday season. We plan to visit two more schools in Kubulau, the Kubulau District School and Ratu Emeri Catholic School for donation and book delivery. In the Kubulau District School, the overall damage is estimated at \$460 thousand USD. The Ratu Emeri School suffered less with \$ 41 thousand USD in long-term damage costs.

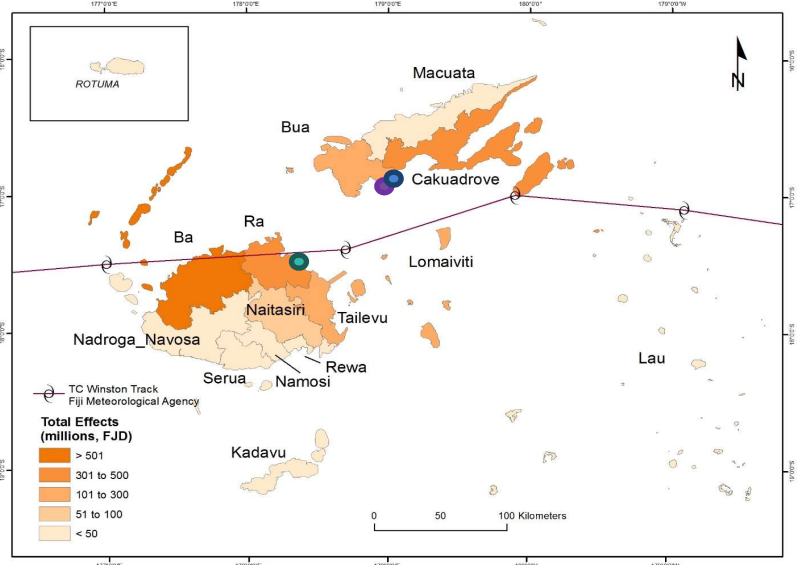


Children coloring in the book.

We would also like to thank our partner agency, the Centre for International Ethnomedicinal Education and Research for helping us collect donations.

We look forward to sending you reports on those donations and updates we receive from the Nakorotubu District School as construction begins.

### Map of Cyclone Winston and Affected Schools



The path of Cyclone Winston. The location of the Nakorotubu District School is indicated with a green bull's eye, The Kubulau District School is indicated in purple, and the Ratu Emeri Catholic School is identified in blue. Adapted from the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment, Fiji.

Sources:  
 1. HLK Jacob. Cyclone Winston Preliminary Assessment. March 2016.  
 2. Post-Disaster Needs Assessment, Fiji. May 2016