



MINISTRY OF RURAL AND MARITIME DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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Minister Seruiratu visit North affected areas



Caption: Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Hon. Inia and Commissioner Northern Division, Mr. Urania Rainima with the Northern Division Government team at the Korotari Bridge in Labasa.

LABASA - Government agencies involved in the current disaster response operation in the Northern Division have been urged to complete all assessments and works yet to be completed before the next adverse weather condition comes our way.

Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Hon. Inia Seruiratu highlighted this during a briefing with Commissioner Northern Division Mr. Urania Rainima and his team in Labasa on Saturday.

Hon. Seruiratu's visit to the North is a continuation of his tour of affected areas in the Central and Western Divisions earlier this week following the devastations of TC Cody.

Although brief, he said, the visit was to hear from the teams on the ground and also witness the impacts and degree of devastation caused by the recent floods.

"And most importantly to coordinate the rest of the activities that needs to be undertaken," Hon. Seruiratu said.

"I want us to close off TC Cody before the next one arrives. Let's speed up what's left to be done. Coordination of the resources, particular manpower and vehicles."

"I need to have some fair idea about what has been left behind by TC Cody before we go through the next adverse weather condition. In the next few days, let's round off, close it and do all the necessary assessments, costs and estimations."

Minister Seruiratu also reminded the North team of the need to be prepared before the arrival of the next adverse weather condition.

"Let's continue to prepare well," he said.

"I'm sure by now all immediate relief assistance will be over. We're thankful that not a lot of damage was recorded. Let's concentrate on the resources that we have and speed up on the work that you have left. Continue with the good work."



Caption: Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Hon. Inia and Commissioner Northern Division, Mr. Urania Rainima with villagers of Vatukuca in Cakaudrove on Saturday.

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