



FIJI RED CROSS SOCIETY

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Tropical Cyclone Mick Relief

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1230 hours.

Red Cross Distributes Water & Hygiene Packs to Squatter Settlements

While piped water supply has begun to reach many residential areas, people living in squatter settlements continue to complain about the quality of the water reaching their homes.

Red Cross through its field assessments have identified residents in the squatter settlement areas within the Suva – Nausori corridor as the most vulnerable to hygiene related diseases and the urgent need for clean drinking water.

With the assistance of UNICEF, NZAID and AUSAID, our personnel and volunteers have begun to distribute water and hygiene packs to residents at the identified settlements.

The content of a water and hygiene pack is:

- (i) 4 x 10 litres collapsible water containers
- (ii) 4 x packets Aqua purification tablets
- (iii) 4 x bars of anti-bacterial soap
- (iv) 1 x hand wash poster and hygiene related material.

Our trained Health and Care programme officers are visiting these settlements to ensure that community members especially women and children have access to safe drinking water and are not prone to water borne/ hygiene related diseases that are usually prevalent in the aftermath of disasters.

As we gear up for the festive long weekend, we wish all members of the Public a safe Holiday Season and we urge people to ensure that all their property and belongings are secured as we are in the midst of our Cyclone season.

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Photographs



- A Red Cross Water and Hygiene Pack ready for distribution.
- Photograph from the field distributions will be sent out tomorrow – 23/12/09.

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