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Cyclone evacuation centers close

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All evacuation centers around the country have been closed since Wednesday and Thursday this week.

The evacuation centers were opened last week in the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Mick.

Disaster management Committee's relief co-coordinator Anthony Blake confirmed the evacuation centers in the Central Division closed on Wednesday evening.

The evacuation centers in the Western Division closed on Thursday at 6pm, while there were 12 families seeking shelter.

"All families who evacuated to the centers left yesterday for their homes," Mr Blake said.

"No evacuation centers are open today.

"The DISMAC team will distribute tarpaulins and leftover donations tomorrow."

Mr Blake said a complete damage report would be released on Tuesday next week.

"From the report we will be able to identify the level of damage around the country and it will give us an indication of the rehabilitation programs needed and the long-term recovery period," he said.

"With regards to Christmas celebrations, every evacuee is in his or her village."

Four people in Fiji died in the cyclone, which then headed for Tonga.