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Fiji: Save the Children assesses damage after Cyclone Mick

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Save the Children is assessing the damage in Fiji as Cyclone Mick weakens and heads south east.

Joanna Matthew, Save the Children New Zealand staff in Suva said:

"We're on the ground in Suva right now assessing the damage in order to the work out what is needed.

"Suva is still without power and water although that has been gradually coming back in parts of the city throughout the day. Trees are down, roads are blocked and homes have been damaged.

"Flooding in the delta region is a major concern and so far, we haven't been able to access that area to assess the impact. People were evacuated last night and are taking shelter. The water is receding.

"Save the Children plays a lead role in providing education programs to 12,000 children and their families in Fiji. We have connections throughout the community and are well placed to provide assistance to children as required."

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