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WEATHER BRIEFING

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Category 2 Tropical Cyclone MICK had its centre located near 18 decimal 0 South Latitude and 177 decimal 8 East Longitude or about 45km Southeast of Nadi and 65km West-Northwest of Suva at 4.30pm Fiji time today (0330UTC on 14 Dec) moving southeast 20km/hr.

The system intensified a little further as it approached Viti Levu this afternoon and reached its peak strength. Average winds currently estimated to be 60 knots (110km/hr) with momentary gusts to 90 knots (165 km/hr) close to cyclone centre.

The eye of TC Mick is now passing over interior of Viti Levu and is expected to move offshore around Navua/Suva area later this evening. The Western Division which suffered its worst from the cyclone this afternoon is expected to gradually experience decreasing winds and rain overnight with much improved weather tomorrow. However, Kadavu and Southern Lau groups are expected to experience damaging winds and periods of heavy rain overnight and most of tomorrow.

Still expect flooding of low lying areas, rivers and streams in the Western and Central divisions overnight.

TC Mick is expected to undergo a gradual weakening of its strength from tomorrow as it crosses Lau Group and later passes south of Tonga.

Tropical Cyclone WARNING is retained for central and southern parts of Fiji but now cancelled for rest of the country.

** Gale force winds usually cause minor damage on land mainly to weak or temporary structures, tree branches, shallow rooted crops and loose materials.*

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