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National Humanitarian Policy for Disaster Risk Management Launched

SUVA – Fiji’s National Humanitarian Policy for Disaster Risk Management was today launched at Sukuna Park in Suva by the Minister for Defence and National Security, Hon. Inoke Kubuabola.

Speaking to senior government officials, students, teachers, and disaster management practitioners, Minister Kubuabola said that the policy was important for government because it would support coordination of humanitarian response during future disaster events.

After first making a commitment to produce a humanitarian policy at the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016 in Istanbul, the Fijian Government through the National Disaster Management Office proceeded with a policy formulation process over a time span of 12 months.

Minister Kubuabola said, “The Fiji National Humanitarian Policy supports Government’s endeavour to fulfil its international obligation on disaster risk reduction.”

He said, “The policy institutionalises humanitarian practices and the Fiji cluster system for humanitarian coordination.”

The National Humanitarian Policy is the outcome of wide consultation with national and international stakeholders from government, civil society organizations, faith based groups, non-government organizations, community networks, international humanitarian partners, the United Nations, other Governments and donors.

Key thematic priorities of the policy include coordination of humanitarian assistance, national information management and communication, national and local capacity building, and funding and financial monitoring.

The National Humanitarian Policy for Disaster Risk Management was approved by Cabinet on August 15th, 2017, and will be in effect for 3 years before review.

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The Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management coordinates and implements the Fijian Government's rural and maritime development initiatives with a mission to empower Fiji's rural sector. We are also responsible for the national disaster management strategy focusing on building resilient communities. We have multiple offices in all 14 provinces leading the Fijian Government's rural development and disaster management operations. For more information about the Ministry and its work visit: www.ruraldev.gov.fj.

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