



**FIJI METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE  
GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF FIJI**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**HEAVY RAIN WARNING, FLOOD ALERT AND WARNINGS IN FORCE**

**Issued at 12:30 pm, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Key Messages**

1. A **Heavy Rain Warning** remains in force for the Northern Division and Northern Lau Group and is **NOW in Force** for the rest of the Fiji Group.
2. A **Flash Flood Warning** remains in force for all flash flood prone areas, small streams and low lying areas of Vanua Levu and is **NOW in Force** for all flash flood prone areas, small streams and low lying areas of Viti Levu.
3. Tropical Disturbance TD12F lies to the west of Vanuatu, the associated trough of low pressure extend towards the Northwest of Fiji and is anticipated to drift south and affect the group from later today till Sunday(24/03/24).

**Details**

Tropical Disturbance TD12F lies to the west of Vanuatu and is expected to gradually drift east-southeast. The associated trough of low pressure is gradually approaching the group from the northwest. Rain developing in the afternoon and becoming frequent and heavy from later today.

Consequently, a Heavy Rain Warning remains in force the Northern Division and Northern Lau Group and is NOW in Force for the rest of the Fiji group (Figure 1).

A flash flood warning remains in force for the flood prone areas, small streams and low lying areas of Vanua Levu and is now in force for the flood prone areas, small streams and low lying areas of Viti Levu. Low-lying and flood-prone locations may experience flash floods as a result of localized heavy rainfall. The ground is saturated with continuous rain of the past couple of days. This increases the risk of flash flooding and also landslides.

Gusty winds are possible during heavy falls and thunderstorms.

The Fiji Meteorological Service will continuously monitor this weather phenomenon and update forecasts and warnings as necessary.

For more information and clarification, please contact the National Weather Forecasting Centre at (679) 6724888/9905376 or via email at [all-fcstrs@met.gov.fj](mailto:all-fcstrs@met.gov.fj).

For the latest forecasts, you can visit the Fiji Meteorological Service website at [www.met.gov.fj](http://www.met.gov.fj) or you can follow us on Facebook.

Click on the link to access the latest Heavy Rain Warning update:

<https://www.met.gov.fj/index.php?page=warn1#20014.txt>

Click on the link to access the latest Flood Alerts and Warnings update:

<https://www.met.gov.fj/index.php?page=warn1#20016.txt>

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Figure 1: Areas under Heavy Rainfall Warning as at 10.30am on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

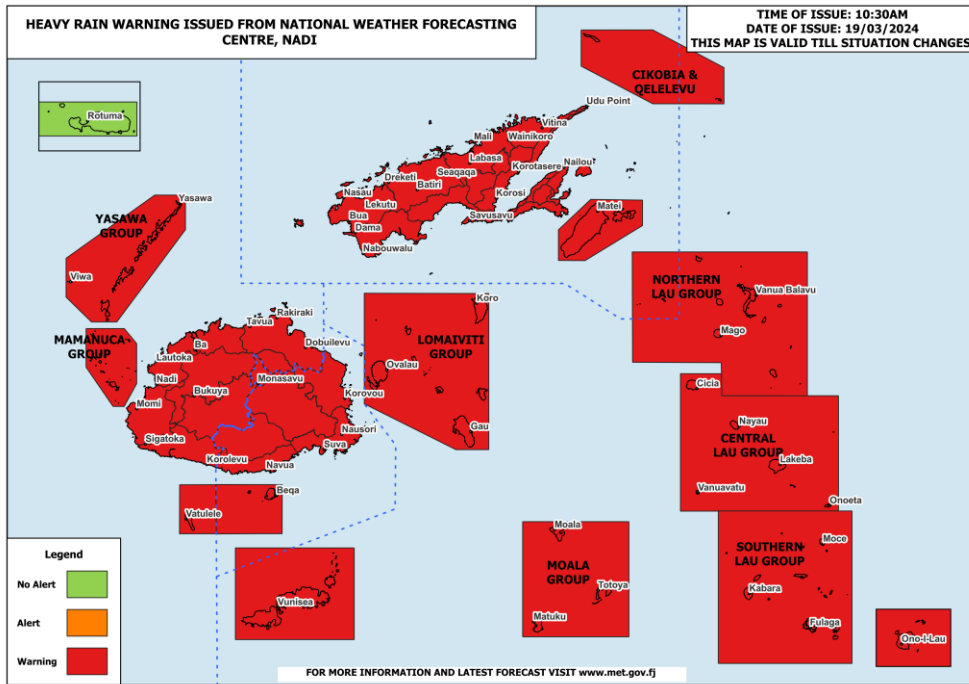


Figure 2: Areas under Flash Flood Alert/Warning as at 09.00am on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

