



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

MEDIA RELEASE

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

Issued at 02:30 pm Wednesday 20th March 2024

Key Messages

1. A **Heavy Rain Warning** remains in force for the whole of Fiji.
2. A **Flood Warning** remains in force for flood prone areas adjacent to and downstream of Waimanu and Nadi rivers.
3. A **Flood Alert** remains in force for flood prone areas adjacent to and downstream of Wainimala, Waidina, Wainibuka and Ba rivers.
4. A **Flash Flood Warning** remains in force for all flood prone areas, small streams and low lying areas of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu.

Details

An active trough of low pressure with associated cloud and rain continues to affect the country and is expected to do so for the next few days. Occasional to periods of rain, heavy at times with thunderstorms is expected over most places.

Consequently, a Heavy Rain Warning remains in force for the whole of Fiji (Figure 1).

A flash flood warning remains in force for flood prone areas adjacent to and downstream of Waimanu and Nadi rivers while a Flood Alert remains in force for flood prone areas adjacent to and downstream of Wainimala, Waidina, Wainibuka and Ba rivers. A Flash Flood Warning remains in force for all flood prone areas, small streams and low lying areas of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. The ground is saturated with continuous rain in the past few 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.

For the latest forecasts, you can visit the Fiji Meteorological Service website at 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 20th March 2024.

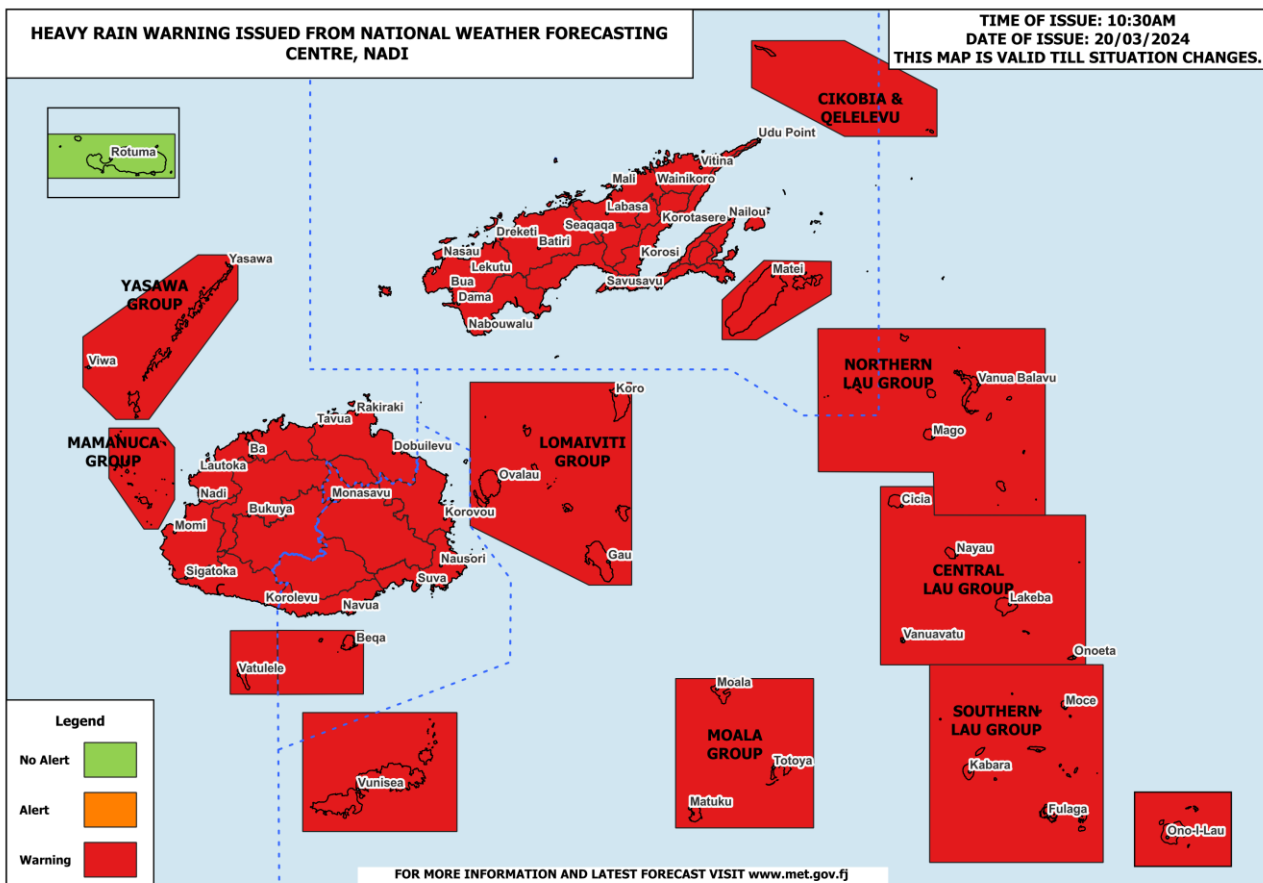


Figure 2: Areas under Flash Flood Warning as at 12.00pm on 20th March 2024.

