

## FIJI METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF FIJI

## MEDIA RELEASE No. 1

## OFF SEASON TROPICAL DISTURBANCE MONITORED IN THE REGION

## Issued at 6pm Friday, 20 October 23

A tropical disturbance was analysed last night in our region, to the east-northeast of Solomon Islands and numbered TD01F.

TD01F has developed outside the cyclone season and is also the first system to occur during the 2023-2024 Tropical Cyclone (TC) Season.

This system has the potential to become a tropical cyclone early next week. However, at this point in time it does not pose any direct threat to the Fiji Group based on the current analysis.

The Fiji Meteorological Service will continue to monitor the development of TD01F over the next few days and update the public of any new developments.

With the official tropical cyclone season beginning from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, members of the public are advised to stay up to date with the latest warnings.

For more information or clarification, please contact the National Weather Forecasting Centre on (679)9905376 and (679)6724888 or you can send an email to <u>all-fcstrs@met.gov.fj</u>.

For latest forecasts and warnings, you can visit the official Fiji Meteorological Service website at <a href="https://www.met.gov.fj/index.php?page=warn1#20036.txt">https://www.met.gov.fj/index.php?page=warn1#20036.txt</a>. You can also follow the official Facebook and Twitter pages of the Fiji Meteorological Service for updates.

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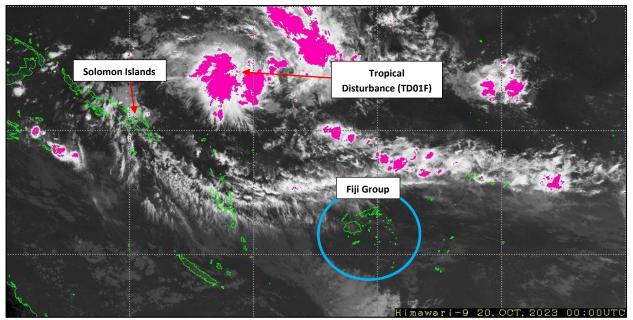


Figure 1: Satellite image showing the current location of tropical disturbance TD01F at midday today, Friday, 20th October, 2023.