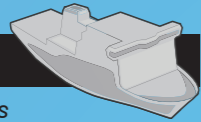


AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS USED FOR THE HUMANITARIAN AID OPERATION

HMNZS CANTERBURY



The maritime hub of New Zealand's humanitarian aid operation in the northern outlying islands.

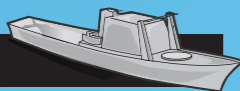
380 TONNES

Of aid supplies and construction materials for distressed communities in Vanuabalavu and Yacata islands.

180

Transfers on her landing craft to support the aid operation.

HMNZS WELLINGTON



Offshore patrol vessel HMNZS WELLINGTON – operated in northern Lau for almost three weeks before returning to New Zealand on 16 March.

70 TONNES

Of aid supplies delivered to communities in northern Lau.



Identified route and anchorage into Vanuabalavu lagoon and anchorage into Vanuabalavu lagoon that HMNZS CANTERBURY used and beaches for her landing craft operations.

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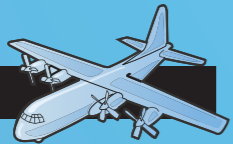


Conducted aerial surveys less than 24 hours after category five Tropical Cyclone Winston pummelled Fiji on 20 February.



Information from the aerial surveys provided Fijian officials with a clearer picture of the damage it caused, saved them days of on-site damage assessments and enabled them to immediately secure international aid for relief efforts.

C-130 HERCULES



120 TONNES

Helped deliver close to 120 tonnes of aid from New Zealand.

BOEING 757



1050

Brought the advance group of 37 combat engineers and 1050 water containers to Fiji on 24 February.

KING AIR B200



Supported the humanitarian aid operation for about three weeks before returning to New Zealand on 28 March.



The King Air transported Fiji government staff and civilian volunteers from non-governmental organisations such as the Red Cross to remote islands devastated by the cyclone so they can assess the outstanding needs in these communities. It also conducted aerial reconnaissance flights for Fiji Roads Authority, among other Fiji government agencies.

NH90 x 2



160 HOURS

The helicopters flew almost 160 hours of relief missions on their first overseas operation. They delivered essential aid supplies, shelter kits, water purification equipment, food and sacks of seeds and plant cuttings to cyclone-ravaged communities. They also transported New Zealand medical volunteers, NZ Defence Force personnel and Fiji government staff to Fiji's remote communities and far-flung islands.

SEASPRITE



70 HOURS

CANTERBURY's Seasprite helicopter completed around 70 hours of relief missions, transporting aid supplies as well as New Zealand medical volunteers, NZ Defence Force personnel and Fiji government staff from Vanuabalavu to outlying islands in northern Lau.

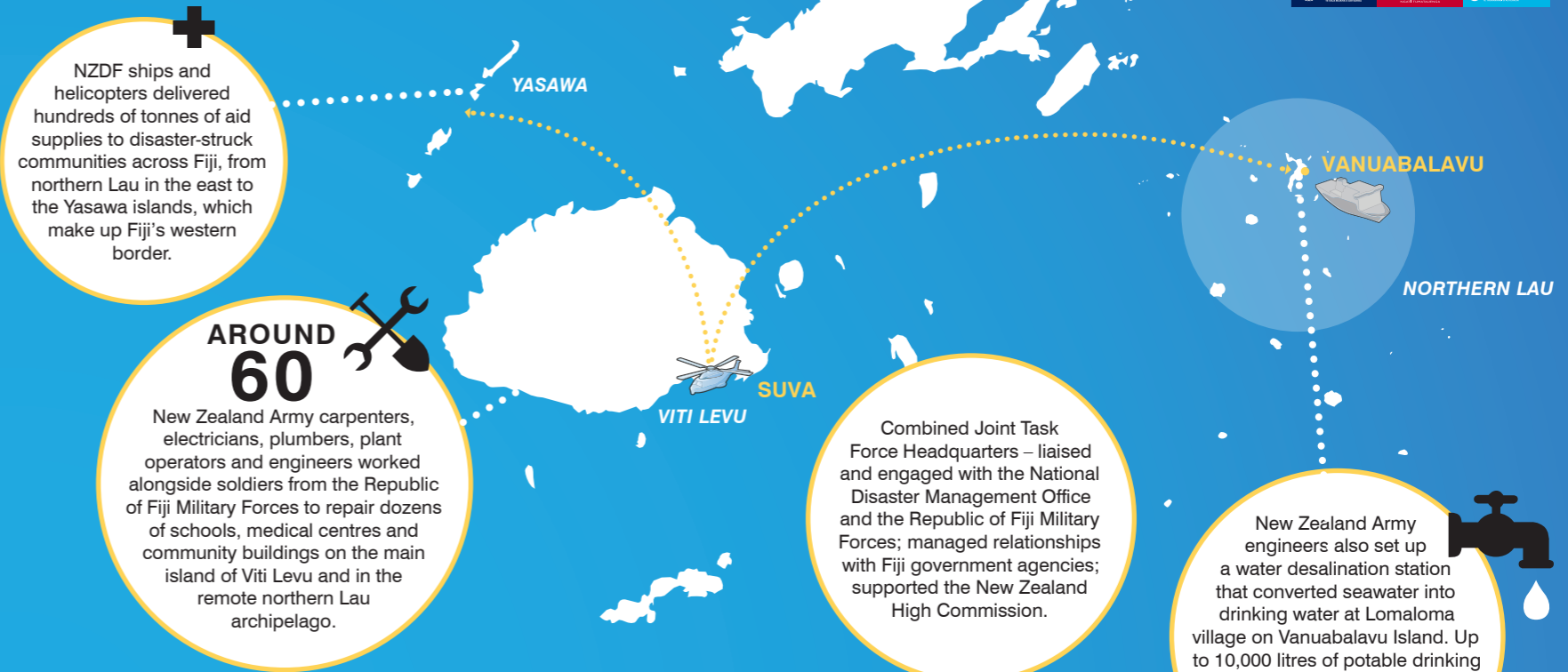
MILITARY VEHICLES x 45



Used to support the NZDF's humanitarian aid operation in northern Lau.

LANDING CRAFT x 2

Aid supplies were offloaded from CANTERBURY using her landing craft and distributed to the affected communities in northern Lau.



NZDF ships and helicopters delivered hundreds of tonnes of aid supplies to disaster-struck communities across Fiji, from northern Lau in the east to the Yasawa islands, which make up Fiji's western border.

AROUND 60
New Zealand Army carpenters, electricians, plumbers, plant operators and engineers worked alongside soldiers from the Republic of Fiji Military Forces to repair dozens of schools, medical centres and community buildings on the main island of Viti Levu and in the remote northern Lau archipelago.

Combined Joint Task Force Headquarters – liaised and engaged with the National Disaster Management Office and the Republic of Fiji Military Forces; managed relationships with Fiji government agencies; supported the New Zealand High Commission.

New Zealand Army engineers also set up a water desalination station that converted seawater into drinking water at Lomaloma village on Vanuabalavu Island. Up to 10,000 litres of potable drinking water were produced each day to support the New Zealand contingent and villages on Vanuabalavu.

NUMBER OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL DEPLOYED FOR THIS OPERATION

530

About 530 engineers, carpenters, electricians, plant operators, plumbers, sailors and aircrew were deployed to Fiji, making it one of the NZDF's largest peacetime deployments to the Pacific.

AID SUPPLIES FUNDED BY THE NZ AID PROGRAMME THAT WERE DELIVERED BY NZDF AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS

- chainsaw packs
- generators
- toolkits
- tarpaulins
- food
- water
- containers
- solar-powered lamps
- mosquito nets and blankets
- latrines
- garden tools
- tents
- water tanks
- building materials, including corrugated iron
- medical supplies
- bottled water
- electrical supplies
- ladders
- emergency kits and insect repellents

WHAT THE FIJIANS SAY



“We've been left with nothing and we don't know what the future holds. So we are grateful that New Zealand and other countries are helping us.”

23-year-old Eseta Kaitani from Nasau village on Koro Island, 106 km north of the Fijian capital of Suva.



“All this rebuilding is helping bring back smiles and hope to people in affected areas. The pace of work is quite fast. Those schools that were repaired by the NZDF are among the first to reopen.”

Republic of Fiji Military Forces Commander Rear Admiral Viliame Naupoto



“We were overwhelmed and our resources were stretched. And with inadequate capabilities, it's hard to imagine how we would have coped with demands for relief without New Zealand's assistance.”

Minister for Agriculture and National Disaster Management Inia Seruiratu



“I was happy and excited to go back to school again. The New Zealand soldiers did a good job in fixing our classrooms.”

Lynette Emline, Year 8 student at Navunisea District School in Silana, a coastal village 62 km north of Suva.



“Without the Orion, we would have to physically visit the likely affected areas to assess the damage. That is how we did it in the past and that took days to carry out in a scattered archipelago like Fiji.”

Lieutenant Colonel Ilai Moceica, Chief of Operations Planning for the Republic of Fiji Military Forces

TIMELINE

