

**CYCLONE TOMAS DAMAGE ASSESMENT**  
**TABWEWA VILLAGE**

Tabwewa Village is situated on the North East coast of Rabi Island with the Population of 1,750. There are 170 houses on it, mainly concrete and wooden houses.

The assessment of the damage after cyclone Tomas was carried out on 19/03/10. Assessment is concentrated on the following:-

- a) Buildings
- b) Infrastructure
- c) Sea Wall
- d) Plantations

The report is compiled by the village chairman, briefly as follows:

**1.a) Buildings**

1. Concrete Buildings
  - i) Partly damage - 53 houses
  - ii) Fully damage - 3 houses
2. Wooden Houses
  - i) Partly damage - 22 houses
  - ii) Fully damage - 1 house
3. Iron Roofing Houses
  - i) Partly damage - 31 houses
  - ii) Fully damage - 31 houses

**1.b) Effects to the People**

1. Poor condition of living
2. Sickness likely to affect the people, due to the weather exposure
3. Overcrowding to some houses
4. Health condition

**1.c) Resolution**

Most of the buildings had their roofing's blown off. If only they could be provided with materials such as iron roofing and nails, the standard of living, will be normal again, as far as houses concerns

**2.a) Road**

The main road in the village is about 5 kilometers from Nukuloa to the Farm Settlement where Tabwewa boundary ends. Since this village caters most of the government quarters, such as hospital, police post, post office, school. The road is very essential to people. After cyclone Tomas about 60% of the road was damaged by the sea and flooding. At some areas fallen trees blocked the road. The road need immediate repair for people to have access.

**2.b) Effects to the People**

1. School children will be having a hard time traveling to school
2. In cases of emergency to hospital or police will be a hazard

3. Vehicles will have no excess for traveling

2.c) **Resolution**

- i) Sea walls to be constructed
- ii) Community to start a cleaning campaigning but to be provided with materials and equipment such as chain saw, wheel barrow etc.

3.a) **Plantations**

From the population as stated earlier 80% of the people depend on farming. After the cyclone damage 95% of the whole farm areas been affected. From the survey conducted, farmers are likely to survive for another 3 weeks from the remaining cassava and dalo, before they are rotten. If farmers start planting now, it will take about 6-9 months to mature their dalo and cassava. So within this 9 months, people will be affected with poverty, if nothing been done. Grog plantations also affected. Since farmers rely on grog for cash, it will take 3-5 years before they could normalize their lifestyle with cash. Apart from grog, coconut trees also been affected. This will take about 3 years for trees to give proper matured nuts again. So within the space of 9 months from now people will be affected with poverty and within 3-5 years from now crime could rise in larceny and breakings in houses or shops.

3.b) **Effects To the People**

- i) Poverty
- ii) Drop out in schools
- iii) Rise in crimes
- iv) Health conditions

3.c) **Resolution**

- 1) Agricultural Assistance in Providing
  - i) Seedlings
  - ii) Manure for plants
  - iii) Equipments, etc
- 2) Workshops to be carried out in assisting farmers within the 9 months

4.a) **Sea Wall**

From cyclone Ami in 2003 most of the coastal areas in our village had been affected from sea eroding, which affects some houses and part of the main road. During cyclone Tomas, 3 whole buidlings been destroyed from sea eroding and another 11 houses soon to be in the same hazard. This same problem affects the road conditions. If sea walls are not constructed early, within the next cyclone the 11 houses will completely destroyed.

4.b) **Effects to the People**

- i) Vehicles will be immobilized
- ii) Some families will be homeless
- iii) Poor condition of living

4.c) **Resolution**

- i) Seawall to be erected
- ii) Community work on sea wall to be conducted but materials should be provided
- iii) Houses on the coastal areas to be shifted to safer areas if possible

In conclusion I would like to state that Paragraph 1(a) and 3(a) are top priority matters which should be looked into first. For the betterment of our living standard I would like to urge the Rabi Council of Leaders to take things seriously.

I would like to certify that the survey I had done to my community in Tabwewa, I did it to the best of my knowledge and ability. My questions arises concerning my survey, I will be available on phone number 8500031

**VILLAGE COMMITTEE INVOLVED IN THE SURVEY:**.....  
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Note: Break down of damage is attached herewith.

<b>Nos.</b>	<b>Names</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Main Building</b>	<b>Extension</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
1	Nunteweia	Concrete	34 roofing		
2	Heyving	“	7 roofings	8 roofings	
3	Tokia Teangamate	“	4 roofings		
4	Ioane Taku	“	3 “		
5	Tiomaia Cakau	“		3 “	
6	Veronika Tautesi	“	34 roofings		
7	Faila Ofati	“	Half of roof gone	Whole extension	
8	Ieremia Kaburoro	“		5 roofing	
9	Nuea Tanre	“	15 roofing	8 “	5 roofing
10	Merekate	“	Requesting for	Sea Wall	
11	Police Quarters	“	Requesting for	Sea Wall	
12	Tetoka Binoka	“			4 roofing
13	Tebamoti Tekana	“	3 roofing		
14	Rabaua Faingata	“			4 roofing
15	Katake K	“	5 roofing	Request Sea	Wall
16	Teai T	“		5 roofing	
17	Maere K	“	5 roofing	6 “	
18	Maia Aba	“			5 roofing
19	Teangibuaka T.	“			
20	Taremon T.	“		5 roofing	
21	Toaiti A	“		5 “	
22	Sainimili	“	Whole roofing	Whole extension	
23 *	Urobano	Wooden	Whole building	Not safe	
24	Kareketake	Concrete	“	8 roofing	
25	Banto Lanyon	“		4 roofing	
26	Konono	“			6 roofing
27	lotua K	Iron roofing			4 roofing
28	Mekieru	Wooden	18 roofing	20 roofing	
29*	Don Rameka	Iron roofing	Small lean to	(Blown off)	
30	Teraoi Kaimata	Wooden	All roofings		
31	Tiare Nun	“	Whole building	Fell from it's	post
32	Namatan	“	7 roofing		
33	Nakang *	Iron roofing	Roofing blown	off	

34	Tekatau *	“ “	“ “		
35	Buariki *	“ “	“ “		
36	Tekou *	“ “			
37	Tevita	Wooden		5 roofing	
38	Tokabeti	“	4 roofing		
39	Tareta	“	8 roofing	Window glass	
40	Tuari I	“	Requesting for	Sea wall	5 roofing
41	Tekan M	“	5 roofing	Requesting for	Sea wall
42	Taake	“	Whole building	Damage need	Sea wall
43	Rui Simon	Concrete		8 roofing	
44	Kaia Moutu	“	7 roofing	13 roofings	
45	Taunebo	“			4 roofing
46	Kristina	Wooden	8 roofing	2 roofing	
47	Rosi K	Concrete		All roofing	
48	Tiku Mone	Wooden			3 roofing
49	Tawi Atu	Concrete		3 roofing	Request seawall
50	Baraimo			whole	
51	Tiboua	“	Requesting for	New building	
52	Kiteba	“	Whole roofing	blown off	
53	Beiaua	“			4 roofing
54	Timoteo	“			5 roofing
55	Tawaua	“	8 roofing		8 roofing
56	Temakina M *	Wooden	Whole building	damage	Sea wall
57	Tiamrate *	Lean to	building	damage	
58	Satakaia *	“ “	“	“	
59	Teweia Tion *	“ “	“	“	
60	Ereamakin *	Wooden	Whole building	damage	
61	Timama *	Lean to	building	damage	
62	Mereki *	“ “	“	Roofing blown	off
63	Mekara *	“	“	damage	
64	Teatu	Lean To	building	damage	
65	Bonteatu	“ “	“	“	
66	Uabong	“ “	“	“	
67	Kautuntake *	“ “	“	“	
68	Taranza *	“ “	“	“	
69	Tekirei *	“ “	“	“	
70	Titaa *	“ “	“	“	
71	Tere Rui *	“ “	“	“	

72	Bakarawa	Iron roofing		3 roofing	
73	Touakin T. *	Wooden	Roofing blown	off	
74	Kusitino K.	Iron roofing	5 roofing		
75	Boota *	Lean To	Building	Damage (24	Iron roofing)
76	Mareko	Iron roofing	Requesting for	Sea wall	
77	Tanaera *	Iron roofing	20 roofing	11 roofing	
78	Tabera *	Lean To	Building	Damage	(30 roofing)
79	Uoue	Lean To	11 roofing		
80	Wakia T	Lean To	8 roofing		
81	Noa Biu	Lean To	roofing		
82	Tokaniti	Wooden		14 roofing	
83	Tewimawa	Wooden		5 roofing	
84	Tokaman	Wooden		10 roofing	
85	Kirata Meima	Concrete	10 roofing	20 roofing	
86	Terakei	Concrete	2 ceilings		
87	Mereta	Concrete			6 roofing
88	Faingata	Concrete	Request for	nails	2 roofing
89	Iakobo	Concrete	5 roofing		
90	Beiaruru *	wooden	Whole buidling	damage	
91	Biara	concrete		5 roofings	
92	Ioane Taunebo	concrete	8 roofings	20 roofings	
93	Aba Tabeti	concrete	10 roofings	6 roofings	
94	Terereieta	wooden	6 roofing		2 roofing
95	Rite P *	Concrete	17 roofing	34 roofing	
96	Bebe Teraka	Lean To			6 roofing
97	Nonouri	Iron roofing	3 roofing	2 roofing	
98	Kaireiti	Concrete	5 roofing		4 roofing
99	Teribabaiti	Concrete	4 roofing		6 roofing
100	Ribauea	Concrete	6 roofing		6 roofing
101	Kairo	Concrete	8 roofing	6 roofing	
102	Tekaeto	Concrete wooden	12 roofing	6 roofing	
103	Kaota	concrete			
104	Tekaobwere	concrete			
105	Uriam	concrete		6 roofing	
106	Eteri	concrete	15 ridge cap	20 ceilings	
107	Kakiatu	concrete		4 roofing	
108	Iererimo	concrete	18 roofing		
109	Kone	concrete	20 roofing		

110	Tentoa	concrete	10 roofings	2 roofings	
111	Burentarawa	concrete			4 roofing
112	Anna T	concrete			4 roofing
113	Teiti Teraka	concrete	33 roofings		
114	Karewa	concrete			5 roofing
115	Karutake	concrete			6 roofing
116	Terakau	concrete	4 roofing		
117	Baia T.	concrete	37 roofing		
118	Karawa T.	wooden		8 roofing	
119	Tieke	wooden			10 roofing
120	Maere	Iron roofing		10 roofing	
121	Ieremia	wooden		10 roofing	
122	Meeri Rui	concrete	37 roofing		
123	Karibaua *	Lean To	completely	destroyed	(20 roofing)
124	Raobin *	Lean To	completely	destroyed	(20 roofing)
125	Naikara *	Lean To	completely	destroyed	(20 roofing)
126	Buako *	Lean To	completely	destroyed	(40 roofing)
127	Kamta *	Lean To	completely	destroyed	(20 roofing)
128	Eroni Tekite	Lean To	destroyed		(20 roofings)
129	Riteta *	Lean To	10 roofing	10 roofing	
130	Matiera	concrete	4 roofing		
131	Nawaia	concrete	10 roofing		
132	Babaraua	Lean To	5 roofing		
134	Tebungai *	Lean To	destroyed	(20 roofing)	
135	Kiaben	Lean To	1 roofing		8 roofing
136	Taurei	concrete	17 roofing		
137	Tabotari	Lean To	7 roofing		
138	Billyboy *	Lean To	3 roofings		
139	Kiakia *	Lean To	8 roofings		
140	Tenangiro	Lean To	10 roofings		
141	Taruru John	Lean To	10 roofing	5 roofing	5 roofing
142	Karo *	Lean To	52 roofings		
143	Maretina	Lean To	10 roofings		
144	Moote	Lean To	6 roofing		
145	Uriam Terakau	wooden			6 roofing
146	Tekinene	wooden			
147	Tokanibao	Lean To	12 roofing		
148	Kiki	concrete	5 roofing		
149	Tekanan	concrete	30 roofing	30 roofing	

150	Amota	concrete	4 roofing	3 roofing	
151	Kiren	concrete	13 roofing	20 roofing	
152	Raraitake	concrete	Whole roofing		
153	Rakera	concrete	14 roofing	2 roofing	
154	Takoroa	concrete	28 roofing		
155	Kamawa S.	wooden	14 roofing		
156	Raijieli	concrete	6 roofing	6 roofing	
157	Toa *	Iron roofing	Whole building		
158	Tebaou	wooden	8 roofing		
159	Mareko Tiroba	concrete			4 roofing
160	Ioane Terawa	wooden	8 roofing		
161	Telongo	wooden	22 roofing		
162	Kateke	wooden	2 roofing		8 roofing
163	Rabaua	wooden		8 roofing	
164	Tirakabuta	Iron roofing	10 roofing	4 roofing	