

WASH specialist Ana Zarkovic (second from right) is working to ensure communities have access to safe water and remain healthy after the cyclone.



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**RED CROSS**  
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# Good people doing good things in Fiji

## NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS' CYCLONE WINSTON RESPONSE

New Zealand Red Cross aid workers were on the ground in Fiji before Cyclone Winston and will continue to help Fijian communities throughout their recovery. The Fiji team was supported by additional response experts after the cyclone hit. The New Zealand Red Cross team will continue to support Fiji Red Cross and local volunteers, whose efforts have made a real difference for people affected by the cyclone.

FIJIAN ISLANDS

### Pacific Team in Fiji

#### **MELANIE OGLE** – DISASTER MANAGER

Formerly from Auckland, Melanie has worked previously with the Council for International Development (CID) as well as the Red Cross. In Fiji, Melanie prepares funding proposals, budgets and plans, and other documents that help get money and resources to affected communities. Her contribution means vulnerable families can access shelter, tarpaulins, blankets and jerry cans, as well as health, WASH and psychosocial support.

#### **LEMAU AFAMASAGA** – DISASTER MANAGER

A resident from Samoa, Lemau helped set up the Fiji Red Cross Emergency Operations Centre and ensured information was recorded and shared through a centralised approach. Lemau's role includes helping with gender and diversity training, and helping Fiji Red Cross branches standardise their approach to response and relief.

#### **CORINNE AMBLER** – MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Familiar to many through her previous role as a senior reporter for TVNZ and Radio New Zealand, New Zealand Red Cross communications aid worker Corinne Ambler is working in some of the hardest-hit areas of Fiji. Corinne is collecting stories and images of the people affected by the cyclone and highlighting the work of Fiji Red Cross, helping to raise awareness of the needs and resilience of communities.



Communications aid worker Corinne Ambler is sharing the stories of the people affected by the cyclone.





Psychosocial Support Specialist Holly Griffin consulting with community leaders.



**ANA ZARKOVIC – REGIONAL WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) SPECIALIST**

Previously an Auckland-based senior civil engineer with Beca, Ana is part of a technical group, supporting Fiji Red Cross with mobile water treatment unit deployment. This work helps ensure communities have access to safe water and remain healthy after the cyclone as well as helping with recovery WASH planning.

**DANIELL COWLEY – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**

Seconded to Fiji Red Cross immediately after Cyclone Winston, Daniell (from New Plymouth previously) is providing support for planning and coordination, and advising on procedures for a large scale international response, assisting with the Fiji Red Cross workload and helping maintain the organisation’s overall strategic focus.

**ANNE-MAREE DELANEY – DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY HEALTH AID WORKER**

An experienced Wellington-based public-health nurse, Anne-Maree coordinated and shared hygiene and WASH information on behalf of Fiji Red Cross during the initial cyclone response. Now, she continues to support Fiji Red Cross’ health team, helping them plan health and care activities for the next twelve months. Anne-Maree will support Fiji Red Cross as they roll out proactive health and hygiene activities, including Zika prevention messaging to at-risk communities.

## Response Team

**HOLLY GRIFFIN – PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST**

Holly has been working with Fiji Red Cross’ health team, teaching volunteers to provide emotional support in the community. Using tools developed in Christchurch after the earthquake, Holly has trained 200 volunteers to provide integrated health support to affected communities and support them on their recovery journey.

**KRAIG WINTERS AND STEVE DAVIS – IT & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS**

Both Kraig and Steve are from Christchurch, and manage their own respective IT services companies. The role of Kraig and Steve in Suva is to repair and develop Fiji Red Cross’ IT systems. This has significantly improved Fiji Red Cross response times and has connected all branches through a single digital communications platform.

**DON WALLACE – IT & TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERT**

Don has been supporting Fiji Red Cross with mobile assessment technology and training. This technology included the Rapid Mobile Phone-Based Survey Toolkit (RAMP), which can be used in areas without cellphone coverage. Along with the sets, staff have been provided with training to help them understand and make the best use of the RAMP system.



IT & T Specialist Kraig Winters assisting Fiji Red Cross to strengthen their IT capacity as part of the response and recovery.