

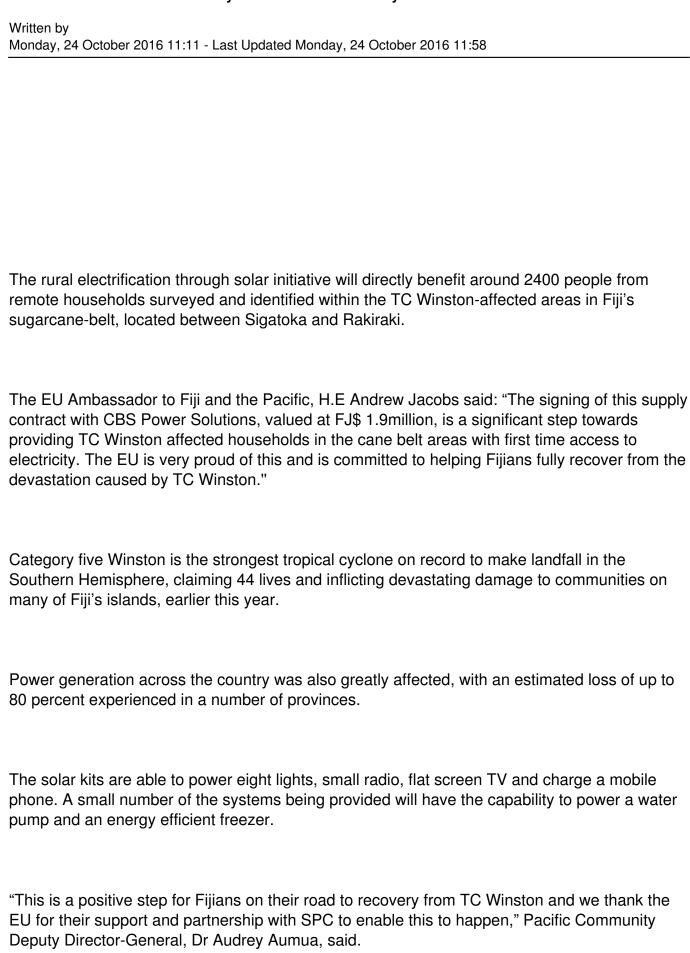
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The Pacific Community (SPC) and the European Union (EU) have commissioned the installation of 400 solar photovoltaic home systems to help affected communities in Fiji recover from tropical cyclone Winston.

The FJ\$10 million EU-funded Fiji Micro Projects Programme (MPP) was redesigned in May 2016 to provide medium to long term response measures following a visit to cyclone-devastated areas by the EU Ambassador to Fiji and the Pacific, H.E. Andrew Jacobs, and the Pacific Community Director-General, Colin Tukuitonga.

Rural electrification, specifically improved access to affordable electricity, and increased income generating opportunities is one of two key result areas of the project.

The second focus area involves better access to safe and disaster-resilient water supply, sanitation and hygiene facilities and practices.



Solar initiative contributes to Cyclone Winston recovery

