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Books for cyclone affected schools

Children in the cyclone affected areas will have a reason to smile following a boost in the supply of resource books for Secondary Schools.

The Fiji Association in Auckland (Inc) today donated NZ\$53,350 of new books to the Ministry of Education for rural and maritime schools that were badly affected in TC Winston.

While handing over the books to the Education Ministry, New Zealand High Commissioner Mark Ramsden said: "Thousands of students will get access to new books that will be an excellent teaching aid and a resource for both teachers and students". He also thanked the Fiji Association in Auckland for their very generous donation.

The delivery of the consignment would not have been possible without the support from the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The RNZAF C-130 flight transported the textbooks from Whenuapai to Nausori.

Altogether there are 10,670 new resource books, covering subjects like English, Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Accounting, Economics, Biology, Business Studies for Years 10 – 13.

The Ministry of Education will distribute books to needy schools in the outlying districts.

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