



PRESS RELEASE

Veilomani Food Bank Receives 5k Boost from Digicel

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The Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) thanked Digicel for donating \$5000 towards the Veilomani Food Bank.

The Veilomani Foodbank is a FCCC led initiative that helps Fijian families whose family members, relatives or workmates tested positive for COVID-19, and are currently unable to work and put food on the table due to being quarantined.

“I would like to thank Digicel Fiji for showing generosity and support towards the Veilomani Food Bank Initiative. We also wish to highlight the profound impact that Digicel has on the market and many Fijians,” said FCCC CEO Joel Abraham

“This is not the only arena in which Digicel has contributed towards philanthropic efforts - We not just acknowledge this initiative but also thank them for their support towards assisting the grassroots sporting events, special Olympics and athletes, and more.”

Abraham said that it may not seem so, but even donating a little can go a very long way citing last week when FCCC distributed 137 packs: 100 packs to Soasoa Village in Labasa and 37 packs to Nabua Muslim League Settlement in Suva.

Digicel CEO Mohammed Farid expressed his gratitude to FCCC for their role in setting up the initiative.

“I would like to thank FCCC for being in the lead in starting up such a great initiative who have master minded this whole drive very well,” said Farid.

“With the different events that have hit us from the past such as the Tropical Cyclone Winston and the most recent Tropical Cyclone Harold, our team usually does all the packing and delivery themselves but the COVID-19 crisis has put restrictions on all of us. So, through this cash donation to FCCC, we can assist those vulnerable.”

FCCC team will be doing a follow up on a fortnightly basis on the families assisted and then a second round of distribution will be provided to them.

Food bins have been distributed in the Central/Eastern, Western and Northern division and are working closely with the Ministry of Health to identify families.

Cash donations are also welcome and can be deposited in the following account:

Account Name: Veilomani Food Bank

Account Number: 93654S18

Bank: HFC, Suva Fiji

For those in the Western division and Labasa, distribution of food items has been set up for those wishing to donate and donation bins will be available at select supermarkets.

Donation Bins Distribution List:

Central Eastern Division

Extra Supermarket - Flagstaff

IGA New World Supermarket (Damodar City & FNPF Plaza)

RB Patel Locations

Suva City – Rodwell Road, Suva

Centrepont – Laucala Beach, Nasinu

Southpoint – Nakasi

Nausori - Town

MH/ Max Val-u Locations

Suva City – MHCC Building

Vivarass – Laucala Beach

Valelevu – Daniva Road

Nakasi – Nakasi Complex (not Rups Complex)

Nausori – Town

Navua - Town

Northern Division

Max Val-u – Labasa

RB Patel – Labasa

Shop N Save – Savusavu

Western Division

Superfoods – (Sigatoka & Lautoka)

Town Council – Tavua

Max Val-u – (Ba, Lautoka, Nadi & Sigatoka)

RB Patel – (Nadi & Lautoka)

For efficient distribution and tracking of items it is recommended that donations be made of the following items in the following quantities:

4 kg Flour

4 kg Rice

5 Cans of Tuna

2 Cans of Tin Fish

2 Litre Cooking Oil

2 kg Dhal

2 packets Salt

Tea Leaves 100 g

2 kg Potato

2 kg Onion

500g Garlic

2 packs of Bathing Soap

2 packets of Breakfast Crackers

2 kg Sugar

5 Pack Noodles

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