

NATURAL DISASTER

COUNTRIES IN THE PACIFIC REGION ARE VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTER AND THIS IS SIGNIFICANT. AS WE SPEAK, WE HAVE THE SOLOMON ISLAND AND FIJI WORKING THROUGH THE AFTERMATH OF VARIOUS NATURAL DISASTER.

WHILE THIS IS A DAY TO DAY EXPERIENCE FOR MANY OF US IN THE REGION WE ALWAYS FIND OURSELF UNPREPARED WHEN NATURAL DISASTER HITS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE WHEN IT COMES TO KNOWING HOW WE HAVE BEEN IMPACTED.

THE RECOMMENDATION HERE IS FOR THIS MEETING TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING COUNTRIES ON COLLECTION OF DISASTER-RELATED STATISTICS. THIS IS CRITICAL ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM.