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20 PERCENT OF RESTORATION WORKS COMPLETE IN THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN DIVISIONS

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About 20 percent of restoration works are complete in the Western and Northern Divisions following the damage sustained on the road infrastructure from the torrential rain, resulting in floods in the last four days.

This was confirmed by Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) Acting Chief Executive Officer Sonal Goundar.

He said several damaged crossings and bridges have been temporarily reinstated and are open for use with some restrictions, however many of these will need permanent repairs to return them to their original level of service.

“Some low-level crossings are designed to be overtopped by river flow during peak floods. However, the extreme conditions have caused debris to build up against the crossings, diverting the torrent of water around the ends of the concrete structures and leaving the crossing disconnected from the road and unusable.”

He said the FRA team will continue to deploy contractors for remediation works as floodwaters recede.

“Most of these emergency response works are temporary repairs and we will be carrying out permanent repairs once it is assessed and cost out.”

- *Members of the public can contact the FRA on the toll-free number 5720 or email info@fijiroads.org*
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