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Shoes for disaster workers

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Payless Footwear donated safety shoes worth \$125,000 to the National Disaster Management Office in Suva, yesterday.

Managing director Sanjay Parmar said, "Their supplier, Nettiasia Private Limited (Singapore), made this kind of donation in Victoria, Australia, so when they heard about Cyclone Tomas, they decided to do the same here".

"There are 1040 pairs of safety shoes and one of the largest donations of its kind."

He said they were happy to contribute towards people who needed their assistance.

Permanent Secretary for Provincial Development, Multi-Ethnic Affairs, National Disaster Management and Sugar, Manasa Vaniqi received the donation.

"This is one of the best things we have received and come next disaster, we are prepared to distribute these where needed," Colonel Vaniqi said.

Currently, he said, there were about 100 personnel, mostly carpenters doing rehabilitation works to homes and buildings damaged by Cyclone Tomas.

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