

Govt cannot divert any help provided by NGOs after TC Winston - Seruiratu

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Minister for National Disaster Management Inia Seruiratu

Government cannot divert any help that is provided by the NGOs after Tropical Cyclone Winston.

Minister for National Disaster Management Inia Seruiratu made this clear in an interview with Fijivillage after we questioned him on why some NGOs are building toilets in some villages in the interior of Ra when the villagers do not need them.

Seruiratu said they welcome the assistance of other partners and cannot dictate to anyone on what they should do.

FRIENDS Founder and Director Sashi Kiran said that some NGOs are building flush toilets and are not considering the fact that those toilets are not connected to the water pipes and therefore cannot be used.

Kiran said she understands that this help comes under the wash cluster but there needs to be proper communication.

Meanwhile, Seruiratu said that everything done is through the clusters.

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We are currently trying to speak to different NGOs on the aid provided to them and what they are providing to the cyclone affected areas.

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