

\$125k gift

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A TOTAL of 1040 pairs of safety boots valued at \$125,000 have been given to the Provincial Development Ministry by Nittasia Private Limited (Singapore) in conjunction with local distributor for the past four years, Payless Shoes.

According to the Information Ministry, Sugar Ministry permanent secretary Manasa Vaniqi said the footwear would assist more than 100 carpenters deployed for reconstruction and rehabilitation work after a natural disaster.

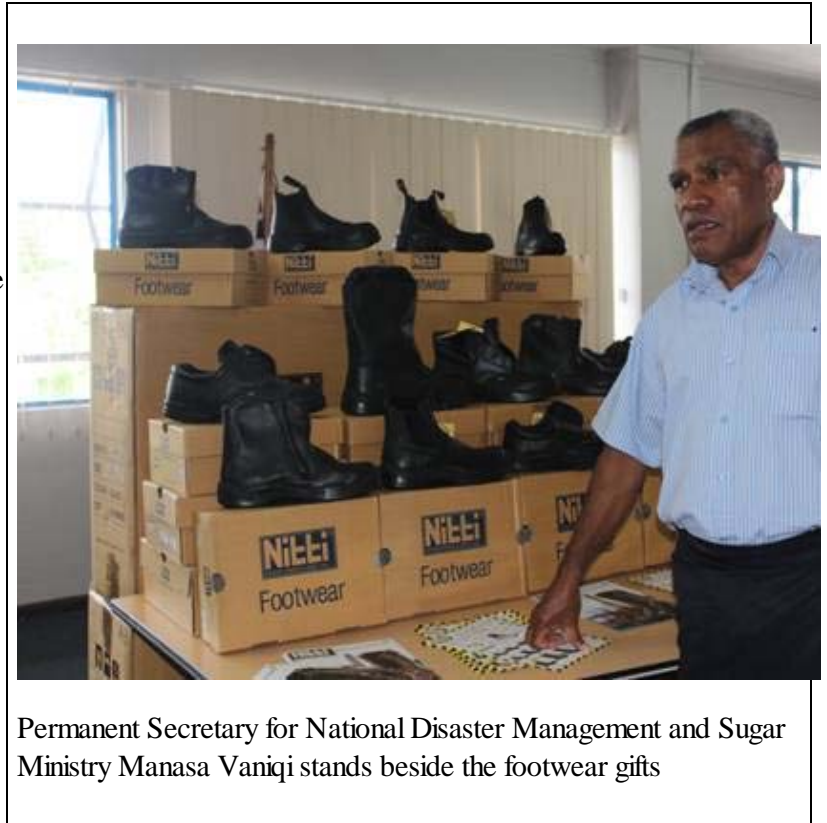
"We have more than 100 carpenters, who are deployed outside to do the reconstruction of houses after natural disasters in Vanuabalavu, Lau, Vanua Levu and Lomaiviti," Mr Vaniqi said.

"This donation, particularly safety boots and shoes will really help the team."

He said carpenters had completed the first phase of the reconstruction work.

"They have now completed more than 300 houses and the next phase will start from January," Mr Vaniqi said.

He thanked Sanjay Parmar from Payless Shoes, who facilitated the handover of the gifts to the ministry.



Permanent Secretary for National Disaster Management and Sugar Ministry Manasa Vaniqi stands beside the footwear gifts