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Hardware firm makes contribution

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AID in cash and kind continues to pour in as the country slowly begins its long road to recovery following the devastation of Severe TC Winston.

Yesterday, major hardware firm RC Manubhai Company handed over 30 500-metre prepainted roofing iron to the prime minister's relief fund.

"We are a resilient people, and we at RC Manubhai strongly believe that we will overcome this disastrous time that we are in," said company director Dinesh Patel.

"This is not the first time people in the West have gone through a disaster and although this is one of the worst, we are known to pick ourselves up and come back.

"This is why we have decided to help the Government as best we can.

"We are donating \$400,000 worth of roofing iron that I hope will provide some comfort to families who have lost their homes, or even to schools that were destroyed by Severe TC Winston."

Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum said this was one of the strongest storms ever recorded in the world's history.

"So that kind of puts into perspective the magnitude of damage that it has caused," said Mr Sayed-Khaiyum.

"I thank RC Manubhai for their contribution and urge other companies to do the same so that lives can return to normal and the economy can return to normal.

"This is a time of generosity and I thank RC Manubhai for their help. We will now see the priorities of the Government and use the donation accordingly."

RC Manubhai also gave 180,000 cyclonic screws that were given by their Australian suppliers Bremick Fasteners.

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A worker from RC Manubhai prepares the roofing sheets for cyclone-affected victims. Picture: SUPPLIED