
LOCATION	Remote meeting
DATE	4 June 2021
CHAIR	Pacific Regional Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC) and World Food Programme (WFP)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners are requested to continue sharing any issues or challenges around transport, warehousing or distribution of relief items to better inform the PLC’s support.• Partners are requested to continue sharing information on procurement and distribution plans over the coming months so that the PLC can tailor support and services as necessary.
AGENDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Situation Updates• Updates from partners (preparedness and response activities)• Pacific Logistics Cluster updates

1. Regional Situation Updates

- All commercial passenger flights are suspended in and out of Fiji until further notice due to the ongoing surge of COVID-19 cases in-country. Fiji Airways may announce special outbound passenger flights.
- The Government of Fiji does not guarantee that pre-travel COVID-19 test results will be released in time for outbound passengers to board special flights. This may result in a substantial number of passengers not being able to depart Fiji.
- Strict travel restrictions remain in place for most of other Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT) as vaccination programs continue in some countries.
- No significant changes in commercial air and sea freight services. Constant demand coupled with reduced capacity continue to keep cargo rates up.

2. Updates from partners

ADRA

- Fiji restrictions have hampered logistics activities. As a result, ADRA is currently limited to remote interventions.

SPC

- The Central Pacific Shipping Commission (CPSC) meeting is currently on-going to revise a number of items in its regulations.
- Neptune Pacific Direct Line (NPDL) will increase freight services in June. Rates for cargo services from Australia or New Zealand into the Pacific will also increase beginning on 15 July.

UNDP

- 11 countries including, among others, the Cook Islands, Northern Pacific islands, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are supported by UNDP.
- Transport service gaps for the target countries and increased freight charges present supply chain challenges. Annual distribution of medical supplies including personal protective equipment (PPE) is being done as one measure to address these challenges. The greatest challenge is in moving shipments to Kiribati and Tuvalu. Any information on available cargo flights would be very helpful.

UNFPA

- PPE, Emergency Reproductive Health Kits (ERHK), and Clean Delivery Kits and Dignity Kits (DK) have been handed over to the Fiji Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MoHMS) and directly delivered to lockdown areas.

UNICEF

- Multiple shipments from Brisbane are being made with much assistance from WFP in the form of reception and storage and sometimes airfreight as well. Further assistance from PLC was also received for cargo consolidation in Fiji and coordination for downstream transport to the PICTs (via the Pacific Humanitarian Air Service - PHAS).
- PPE from Europe will be provided for the outbreak response in Fiji. Work with WFP continues to be done to overcome the challenges related with this shipment.

DFAT

- 12,000 swabs were transported from Nadi to Melbourne for analysis purpose upon an urgent request by the Fiji MoHMS.
- 208,000 doses of Australia-made Astra Zeneca vaccine were distributed to PICTs. 130,000 of these doses have been set aside for Fiji, 70,000 to Timor-Leste (TL) and 8,000 doses to Papua New Guinea (PNG). Other PICTs will be receiving their doses in the coming weeks.
- Medical items including testing equipment are being provided in collaboration with the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in response to the request of the Fiji MoHMS.
- GeneXpert cartridges will be supplied to PNG and TL via commercial flights.
- Essential medical equipment to support COVID-19 vaccine roll-out in Tuvalu is being procured. Transport of these items is being planned.

WFP

- The Pacific Humanitarian Air Service (PHAS) conducted two cargo flights during the month of May. Flights were operated in response to Typhoon Surigae from Kuala Lumpur to Palau. A total of approximately 30 MT / 146 CBM of cargo was transported to Palau on behalf of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) & DFAT.
- Some future flights are being planned as follows:
 - Passenger flights for UN and development staff
 - Nadi to Sydney on 12 June
 - Nadi to Auckland on 26 June (tentative)
 - Nadi to Kuala Lumpur around July
 - Cargo flights
 - Copenhagen to Nadi to transport a shipment of PPE for the COVID-19 response in Fiji on behalf of UNICEF along with warehouse and plant equipment from the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in Malaysia
 - China to Fiji via Malaysia for a donation of PPE for Fiji as well
 - Flights from Fiji to the Marshall Islands and Kiribati are on hold due to the Fiji COVID-19 outbreak.
- The work with UNICEF and WHO to fill the Fiji MoHMS requests in relation to the outbreak response continues. WFP is supporting with freight and storage. WHO has confirmed that GeneXpert testing machines to be donated to Fiji MoHMS are now in-country.
- WFP is also supporting the logistics hub being set up in PNG as part of the capacity building project.
- Ongoing collaboration with the Government of Tuvalu to conduct Logistics Capacity Assessment and Provincial Logistics Capacity Assessments (LCA & PLCA).

3. Pacific Logistics Cluster Updates

Coordination

- Tracking partners' pipeline procurements to inform the scheduling of WFP chartered flights for air freight.
- Collecting and disseminating to partners regional commercial transport service updates.
- The Pacific Regional Logistics Cluster Coordinator position remains vacant. Recruitment is currently ongoing. Recruitment for National Information Management Officer to support the Cluster activities is also ongoing.
- Completed survey of partners on the PLC coordination meetings and transport service updates. Link to [survey results](#) was shared. Actions taken based on the results are as follows:
 - Maintain the PLC coordination meetings on a monthly basis with ad-hoc meetings held during emergencies if required.
 - Propose for PLC to be represented at meetings of other clusters, where relevant, and inter-cluster meetings (Pacific Humanitarian Team - PHT, Joint Incident Management Team - JIMT, etc.) so that we can bring higher-level perspectives into the PLC coordination meetings and vice versa.
 - Share transport service updates (both aviation and shipping) on a monthly basis.

- The next coordination meeting will be on 2 July 2021, 1300-1400 (Suva time).

Common Services

- Six-month extension of the contract for the WFP Bonded Warehouse in Nadi and the consolidation services it supports is being finalised. The Pacific Logistics Cluster received 3.796 MT or 20.429 CBM of cargo for storage in the warehouse for WHO in May 2021.
- Ongoing collaboration with WHO and UNICEF on securing warehouse storage and movement of COVID-19 PPE in response to current outbreak in Fiji.
- Working with partners to update their logistics-related data in Pacific Logistics Mapping (PALM) tool.

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