
LOCATION	Remote meeting
DATE	8 October 2021
CHAIR	Pacific Regional Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade(DFAT), Pacific Humanitarian Air Service (PHAS), United Nations Population Fund(UNFPA), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP) and World Health Organization (WHO)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Pacific Logistics Cluster to provide Pacific Logistics Mapping (PALM) orientation/training to UNICEF and WHO.• DFAT to share details of Tuvalu flight planned for late October once the date is finalised.• UNFPA and the Logistics Cluter to discuss offline possible use of the Logistics Cluster storage services as a possible solution to anticipated storage issue.
AGENDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pacific Logistics Cluster Updates• Pacific Humanitarian Air Service• Pacific Logistics Mapping (PALM)• Updates from Partners

1 Pacific Logistics Cluster Updates

Coordination and Information Management

- The Pacific Logistics Cluster continued preparation and release of monthly transport service updates and integrating them into the COVID-19 Cargo Entry Point Update map now viewable on the [PLC webpage](#).
- A brief consultation with partners on both the need and frequency of the monthly coordination meetings and transport service updates was held. Partners were invited to relay any feedback via email.

Common Storage Service

- By 8 October 2021, the Nadi warehouse had 141.1 m³ (16.3 MT) of stock in storage from the Health Cluster. 109 m³ (11.7 MT) additional stock has been received since last meeting. The warehouse released 3.9 m³ (1.1 MT) of stock during the same period.

2. Pacific Humanitarian Air Service

- Cargo Flight:

- The Pacific Humanitarian Air Service conducted a flight from Hangzhou via Kuala Lumpur to Nadi carrying critical oxygen concentrators and medical supplies for WHO's COVID-19 response operations. It arrived on 3 October 2021.
- Pending Passenger Flight:
 - Support is being sought from the Tuvalu Government to provide exceptional approval to transport two engineers from New Caledonia to Tuvalu due to a COVID-19 outbreak in New Caledonia to install a new water desalination plant and repair the existing one. Upon receiving approval, WFP will procure the appropriate airline through the standard competitive process and move forward with the project.

3. PALM - Pacific Logistics Mapping

- PALM or the Pacific Logistics Mapping tool is an online platform that records pre-positioned stockpiles of emergency relief supplies maintained by humanitarian partners in the region. It is intended to aid planning and decision-making for an emergency response in the Pacific.
- The Pacific Logistics Cluster's focal person for PALM is Stephen Aumua who will send out reminders for partners to update their PALM stocklists at the end of each month beginning October.
- The PALM URL is <https://palm.logcluster.org/#/public/home>
- For inquiries or support, partners may email pacific.palmsupport@wfp.org.

4. Updates from partners

DFAT

- DFAT is organising a cargo flight from Brisbane to Tuvalu for late October. The exact date will be announced once finalised.
- DFAT has also sent one 40-foot container and one 20-foot container of face shields, surgical gowns, and masks, which are expected to arrive in Fiji by 9 October 2021. Another one-foot container of similar items as well as surgical gloves and anti-bacterial wipes is expected to depart Sydney in a few days bound for Fiji as well. Both shipments are for the COVID-19 outbreak response.
- DFAT continues to explore ways to further support the re-opening of the Pacific region through polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing and the like.

UNICEF

- UNICEF requests a PALM presentation for its Logistics team including the new Supply Chain and Logistics Officer to be based in Suva.
- To respond to any outbreak in the Pacific, UNICEF is prepositioning 1,100 COVID-19 rapid test kits arriving approximately next week in Brisbane.

- UNICEF released an additional 16 tents, a GeneXpert machine along with 400 test kits to support the COVID-19 outbreak response of the Fiji Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS). A small quantity of personal protective equipment (PPE) will also be supplied to the Fiji MHMS next week.

UNFPA

- UNFPA is currently procuring additional humanitarian supplies in the coming months using a new grant from the US Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID-BHA). The items that are being procured include regular dignity kits, dignity kits for women with disability, reproductive health kits, menstrual hygiene kits, midwifery kits and tents.
- UNFPA is anticipating some storage issues with the stock to be procured since onward transport of stock already in Fiji to final in-country destinations has also been staggered due to COVID-19 restrictions. Hopefully, Fiji's reopening will allow decongestion of UNFPA's warehouses. UNFPA will also explore common storage services available through the Pacific Logistics Cluster.

World Food Programme

- A consultant is being onboarded for Logistics Capacity Assessments. Due to ongoing border restrictions which prevent short-term travel to most Pacific countries, the consultant will work remotely from New Zealand and is expected to begin in November with national and sub-national LCAs in Tuvalu.

World Health Organization

- The flight from Hangzhou carrying WHO's emergency stockpile for the Pacific arrived in Nadi on 3 October. The cargo include 270 oxygen concentrators, 54 bi-level positive airway pressure (BiPAP) machines and some consumables.
- Ongoing discussions with WFP on air service support for additional emergency stocks to be transported and prepositioned in Fiji and other Pacific Island Countries and Territories in the coming months.
- WHO has one staff member who needs to reach Tuvalu from Pakistan. For information on the planned flight in October, please reach out to Warren Evans from DFAT at Warren.Evans@dfat.gov.au.
- WHO requests a PALM presentation or training. The cluster focal person will organise and provide the training.

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