Meeting Minutes, 12 November 2021
Pacific Regional Logistics Cluster, Fiji

LOCATION
Remote meeting

DATE
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CHAIR
Pacific Regional Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
World Vision, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), Pacific Humanitarian Air Service (PHAS), World Food Programme (WFP) and Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT),

ACTION POINTS
- The Pacific Logistics Cluster team to communicate bilaterally with IFRC on common storage service.
- The PHAS team to communicate bilaterally with UNFPA on possible flights.
- WFP to keep DFAT posted on the pallet-racking installation in the Fiji MHMS warehouses in Raiwaqa and Lami.

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 Pacific Logistics Cluster webpage.
- The Pacific Logistics Cluster is working closely with OCHA in its disaster preparedness program for the Pacific Humanitarian Team through:
  - Contributing a chapter for the PHT’s disaster preparedness package to be finalized and shared shortly; and
  - Completing the PHT Disaster Response Preparedness Survey and inviting cluster members to participate as well. Fiji Red Cross, IFRC, IOM, the Solomon Islands Red Cross, Tonga Red Cross, Vanuatu Red Cross, WFP and World Vision Vanuatu had already responded.
- The attendees agreed to keep the coordination meetings occurring on a monthly basis recognizing its value in allowing partners to coordinate with each other to maximize logistics resources.

Common Storage Service
- During October 2021, the cluster transit warehouse in Nadi received 12.18 MT or 109.53 CBM of stock for storage and had an ending stock of 15.952 MT or 136.355 CBM by the end of the month.

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2. Pacific Humanitarian Air Service

- Meetings held with DFAT to discuss better collaboration between PHAS and DFAT’s Pacific Flights Program
- Cargo Flights:
  - Hangzhou/Kuala Lumpur to Nadi, Fiji flight carrying 13.4 MT or 110.7 CBM of critical oxygen concentrators and medical supplies for WHO arrived 3 October.
  - Nadi, Fiji to Tarawa, Kiribati flight carrying 1627kg or 11.02 CBM of oxygen concentrators, medical supplies and other items for DFAT, UNDP, UNICEF and WHO arrived 23 October.
  - Discussions were held with WHO regarding potential flights to support the distribution of COVID-19 buffer stock. WHO currently assessing individual PICT needs with respect to the above.
- Passenger Flights:
  - Noumea to Tuvalu flight requested by Government of Tuvalu to transport 2 engineers from New Caledonia to repair/install a water desalination plant still is planned for 23 November.
  - Request received from UNDP for assistance with inter-island flights in FSM. Currently only cargo flight are operating due to COVID-19 restrictions and implementation of UNDP projects are hampered. WFP Aviation Safety Unit in Rome has been requested to carry out safety assessment of the two local operators.

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.
- Since the last meeting, presentations, trainings and technical support were provided to UNICEF, IFRC, WHO, CARE, ADRA, IOM, World Vision and the WASH Cluster in coordination with OCHA. These efforts resulted in 14 storage facilities having updated their PALM records within the period.
- The Pacific Logistics Cluster’s focal person for PALM is Stephen Aumua
- 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

IFRC
- IFRC inquired if it would be possible to use the cluster warehouse in Nadi for medium/long-term storage.
  - A bilateral discussion with the cluster team would be arranged.

UNFPA
• UNFPA is also prepositioning stock including emergency reproductive health kits, dignity kits, midwifery kits, etc. for the cyclone season and these have been updated in PALM.
• UNFPA asked if there were any available flights to Kiribati and Tuvalu. Bilateral meetings with WFP (Pacific Humanitarian Air Service) and with DFAT’s aviation team may be arranged to address this.
• UNFPA reopened 3 women-friendly-spaces (WFS) in Vanua Levu, Fiji which will distribute women with disability dignity kits, menstrual hygiene management kits. More WFSs may be opened.

World Food Programme
• Both WFP and DFAT donated pallet-racking to the Fiji MHMS who are now looking to contract a service provider to install the pallet racking in their warehouses in Raiwaqa and Lami. WFP will keep DFAT posted on developments on this.
• The consultant for Logistics Capacity Assessments has been successfully onboarded to work remotely from New Zealand on national and sub-national LCAs in Tuvalu.

World Vision
• World Vision is challenged with getting their Papua New Guinea warehouse updated on PALM especially with the current COVID-19 movement restrictions. Other field offices are updating their PALM records.
• World Vision is also working on food security prepositioning in the region as well. The Food Security Cluster will also work to get their member to similarly update their PALM records.
• World Vision is also checking their stocks for possible cash response by their field offices.

DFAT
• DFAT is planning a flight to Kiribati on 27 November. Government of Kiribati approval is pending. Another flight is planned for 8 or 9 December.
• DFAT’s pending Tuvalu flight was cancelled but another is being organized tentatively for 13 or 14 December.
• DFAT recently donated face shields, surgical gowns, masks, surgical gloves and anti-bacterial wipes to the Fiji Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS).
• DFAT continues to explore ways to further support the re-opening of the Pacific region through polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing and the like.

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