LOCATION Vanuatu NDMO Conference Room and Online

DATE 23 March 2023

CHAIR Pacific Logistics Cluster (PLC)


ACTION POINTS

• Logistics Cluster meetings to be held every two weeks

AGENDA

1. Action Points from the last meeting
2. Updates from NDMO Vanuatu
3. Updates from the Pacific Logistics Cluster
4. Logistics constraints
5. Updates from Partners
6. AOB

Action Points from the last meeting

• The PLC Coordinator reached out to the Vanuatu Terminal Services Limited, the only Cargo Terminal Operator (CTO) in Vanuatu, to find out about their storage capacity. Their warehouse provides customers with a one-stop-shop environment for air cargo needs. The PLC will share further information when feedback from the company is received, but partners can also directly contact info@vts.vu and atabisap@vts.vu for further information.
• The PLC Coordinator reminded partners that to get relief items fast-tracked, they must share an airway bill or cargo manifest with NDMO in order to process an exemption letter for clearance. Only humanitarian cargo is currently prioritised.

NDMO Vanuatu Updates

• The partners were reminded to share a detailed list of relief items before they arrive in the country, along with a distribution plan to be submitted to logs.neoc.ndmo@gmail.com.
• All requests for logistics assistance from agencies responding to the emergency, such as storage, cargo and passenger transportation, procurement, engineering and labour support, must be submitted to the National Cluster Leads, who will submit the Request for Assistance (RFAs) to NDMO. NDMO is coordinating requests for logistics assistance to access local and foreign in-country transportation capacities.
Pacific Logistics Cluster Updates

- NDMO is hosting regular National Logistics Cluster Coordination meetings every 2-3 days and the PLC Coordinator proposed that the regional meetings be held every two weeks instead of weekly. NDMO is maintaining the list of contacts attending the physical meetings in Port Vila – PLC can support partners who want to be added by contacting pacific.clustercargo@wfp.org. The next National Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting in Port Vila is on 23 March at 02:00 PM. The next Regional PLC meeting will be held online on 6 April.
- Situation Update #3 published on 22 March: Pacific - Vanuatu Earthquake & Tropical Cyclones - Situation update #3, 22 March 2023 | Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org)
- The Vanuatu Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) was updated with the most recent list of suppliers as of March 2023, based on a basic market assessment conducted at the onset of the emergency: 4.8 Vanuatu Transporter Contact List - Logistics Capacity Assessment - Digital Logistics Capacity Assessments (logcluster.org)
- The Logistics Cluster mapping tool LogIE is now updated with the airport status in Vanuatu: LogIE Pacific (logcluster.org)

Logistics Constraints

- Road: 10% of the arterial road network in five out of six provinces remains inaccessible. The National Logistics Cluster engages with the Infrastructure and Transport Cluster to receive the latest details.
- Air: Deployment by air to outer islands is limited under the current situation and requires regulatory approval for some airports. The Australian Defence Forces air assets are available for support and coordinated through the RFA request process (see above under ‘NDMO Updates’). If partners struggle to reach certain locations using commercial means, they should notify NDMO.

Updates from Partners

- World Vision is working with DFAT and sent some supplies (jerry cans and tarpaulins) on an ADF flight today. They advised NDMO, and respective cluster leads about the incoming shipment.

Gaps and Needs

- One of the biggest gaps in this response is getting assessments underway and consolidating figures on the actual needs. Many assessments have been done, including logistics and infrastructure. However, the data circulation is not synchronised with planning efforts.
- Partners are encouraged to share information on any gaps and needs related to logistics at pacific.clustercargo@wfp.org.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, 06 April 2023, at 01:00 PM (Suva time)
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