Highlights

- 22 partners supported through information sharing.
- 2 coordination meetings held in Suva, Fiji.
- 15 information products published on the operation webpage, received 1,759 page views
- 15 mT of relief item transported by sea to Port Vila, Vanuatu.

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Background

The Pacific is one of the world’s most disaster-prone regions, with Pacific Island Countries ranked among the most vulnerable in the world to natural disasters due to rising sea levels and increasing severe weather patterns caused by the effects of climate change. The core functions of the Pacific Logistics Cluster (PLC) are to support the national coordination mechanisms, provide timely information management and technical support where needed, and facilitate access to common logistics services (if required), such as air transport for cargo for urgently required humanitarian cargo when national response capacity is exceeded.

Operational Highlights

- On 4 April, the relief items transported by sea by WFP arrived at Vanuatu to support the Cyclone Judy/Kevin response. The relief items consisted of 15 metric tonnes that included: food supplies and tools for repairs to infrastructure affected by the Cyclone. The relief items were a request from the Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) to the Fiji NDMO.

- An assessment of the Lautoka Port which is the second largest port on the main island of Viti Levu in Fiji, was undertaken by the WFP Logistics unit/Pacific Logistics Cluster support team in May 2023 to ensure logistics preparedness for emergency response. The amendment and update will be factored into the Fiji Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) final document when released and to be published.

- Ongoing preparations and groundwork (since December 2022) for a National Emergency Response Team (NERT) exercise, planned for July 2023, are led by the WFP logistics unit/ Pacific Logistics Cluster. The Logistics team will be joined by the Food and Security and ETC units and other humanitarian organisations is facilitating sessions and simulations depicting different emergency scenarios.

- The WFP Pacific Multi-Country Office (PMCO) signed on July 2023, the new no-cost agreement with Palladium for the pre-positioning of items in Brisbane, Australia that has allocated space for the storage of various items such as forklift, generators, and mobile storage units (MSU). Palladium is the managing contractor to the Australian Government represented by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). DFAT has authorised Palladium to provide approved general logistics maps of Fiji – Lautoka city port marked.
agencies access to and use of the Warehouse for the purpose of warehousing individual aid supplies and equipment (Cargo).

**Coordination & information management**

- The PLC co-ordinates monthly meetings with partners to foster and build partnerships after the cyclone season and in preparedness before the upcoming season. On the other hand, when there is no emergency response, the Pacific Logistics Cluster coordination meeting with partners will be planned bi-monthly. During this reporting period, two coordination meetings were organised on 27 April and 28 June 2023, respectively.
- The **PLC Coordination meeting on 27 April** focused on the capability and capacity of the Vanuatu NDMO to respond to a disaster with the Tropical cyclone Judy/Kevin as the most recent emergency response. A representative from the Vanuatu NDMO shared their experience and lessons learned from the logistics team during the response phase.
- During the **PLC Coordination meeting on 28 June**, two partner organisations presented organisational updates and activities.
  - The **OCHA Pacific Update** was on its current preparedness activities, planned mission and training, and initiatives. The OCHA initiatives highlighted the El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) working group, the Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT) preparedness package, and information management working group.
  - The **Fiji Business Disaster Resilience Council** updated on the council’s role as a coordination mechanism for the private sector to engage with national government partners on resilience building, response, and recovery activities.
- General logistics maps for seven countries have been published with the inclusion of Papua New Guinea. The countries are the following: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, and Tokelau.
- The **map for the Concept of Operations for the Pacific Region** has been finalised and published to visualise operational concepts on geographical and logistical information and the key Logistics Cluster activities in the Pacific region: [Pacific – Concept of Operations Map](https://logcluster.org/ops/pacific).
- As the operation has evolved, the current **Concept of Operation** document is now under review and to be updated soon. In addition, the PLC is currently reviewing the Gaps and Needs Analysis questionnaire and adapt it to the context.
- The Pacific Logistics Cluster partners were introduced to the Global Logistics Cluster Management e-learning platform targeted at the humanitarian community, including national actors and other professionals with a background or interest in humanitarian logistics and coordination. Interested partners were invited to register on [Logistics Cluster Learning Management System](https://logcluster.org/ops/pacific).
- Partners interested in more updates about specific country operations, please get in touch with the respective focal points Javed Yusuf – Micronesia (FSM, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, RMI), Titilia Rabuka – Melanesia (Fiji, Solomon Islands & Vanuatu), Akosita Lewai – Polynesia (Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga & Tuvalu).
- In total, the PLC published 15 Information Management products on the Pacific-operation dedicated page [Pacific Region – Logistics Cluster](https://logcluster.org/ops/pacific), including two meeting minutes and eight Pacific Island countries’ general logistics maps.

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