
LOCATION	Remote meeting
DATE	5 February 2021
CHAIR	Pacific Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United States Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs (BHA) 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 services as necessary.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Regional Situation Updates (COVID-19, cyclones, etc.)2. Updates from partners (preparedness and response activities)3. Pacific Logistics Cluster updates

1. Regional Situation Updates

No significant regional updates at the moment.

2. Updates from partners

UNICEF

- COVID-19 – Distribution of supplies is ongoing. 20,000 GeneXpert cartridges and swabs received in December 2020 have been confirmed delivered to 16 Pacific Island Countries or Territories (PICTs).
- Tropical Cyclones (TC) Yasa and Ana – WASH and Education items were transported to Fiji via Australian Defence Force and WFP contributing to 25 metric tons currently being dispatched to partners in Fiji.
- UNICEF continues to experience challenges in transporting humanitarian cargo and personnel throughout the region due to the reduced access to commercial services resulting from the pandemic. Any commercial services which are available also cost much higher than prior to COVID-19. Creativity and partnerships within the cluster are necessary to overcome these challenges.

MFAT

- For TC Ana, MFAT is monitoring the response and sent relief packages. Details on the latter to follow.

BHA

- BHA is also monitoring the cyclone response operations and is preparing to mobilise early recovery funding.

WFP

- Since August 2020, WFP has moved 1,550 cubic metres of cargo and 98 passengers to 11 PICTs on 29 flights.
- Two Global Passenger flights were conducted since the last period:
 - Kuala Lumpur – Port Moresby – Nadi on 20 January 2021;
 - Nadi – Port Moresby – Kuala Lumpur on 21 January 2021.

3. Pacific Logistics Cluster Updates

Coordination

- Meaghan Barry is returning shortly as PLC Coordinator.
- The next coordination meeting will be held on 5 March 2021 at 1300 Suva time over Teams as usual.

Common Services

- Pacific Humanitarian Air Service (PHAS) conducted three flights since the last meeting:
 - From Brisbane to Nadi to Honiara (Solomon Islands) to Brisbane on 26 and 27 January to move approximately 6.902 mt or 45.411 cbm of humanitarian cargo;
 - From Brisbane to Nadi to Port Vila (Vanuatu) to Brisbane on 29 January to move approximately 4.792 mt or 33.407 cbm of humanitarian cargo;
 - From Brisbane to Nadi on 4 February 2021 to move approximately 10 mt of UNICEF's WASH and Education items for the TCs Yasa and Ana response operations.
- The following flights are being planned:
 - Passenger: Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Tuvalu, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea;
 - Cargo: Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga Tuvalu, Niue and Cook Islands.
- The transit warehouse in Nadi continues to be utilised by partners.

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