Tropical Cyclone Winston
Situation Update
26 February 2016

LOCATION: Fiji
DATE: 26 February 2016

Situation Overview

- Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Winston hit Fiji on 20 and 21 February with sustained winds of around 230 kmph. Reports indicate 42 people have been killed. The current count of evacuees totals 62,461 and Fiji Government now estimates approximately 350,000 people may have been affected.

- The Fiji National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is leading the response to the emergency, coordinating efforts and the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) has been activated.

- Although not formally activated for this response, the Logistics Cluster, through the lead agency WFP, is supporting relief efforts through logistics coordination and information management, on behalf of the government and humanitarian partners.

- The Fiji National Cluster System is fully activated, meeting and working with partners and the NDMO to deliver relief items to affected areas. The Logistics Cluster is working with Fiji National Cluster System lead to offer assistance and to help identify logistics gaps.

Air Transport

- All airports are reported to be open and operating services, including those on the 13 outer island stations. However terminal damages resulting in operational restrictions have been reported.

- Through the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT), two C130s arrived 26 February and one C17 through the Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DFAT).

- DFAT also has four helicopters in country to support the national government led response to the emergency and expect an additional three to arrive in March. In addition, MFAT has two helicopters in country in support of the NDMO.

Overland Transport

- The Logistics Cluster has shared information on private sector transport and storage companies with partners through the Fiji-logs mailing lists. For company contact details, see the Fiji Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA): [http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Fiji](http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Fiji) and contact the IM Officer for mailing list subscriptions.

- The majority of roads have been re-opened and are accessible. However, many still contain hazards or are only accessible by light vehicles. See the latest access constraints map: [http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-24-february-2016](http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-24-february-2016)
Customs
- All donated goods for the relief response will qualify for duty and VAT exemption. For further information on duty and VAT exemption, please see: http://www.fiji.gov.fj/Media-Center/Press-Released/GUIDELINES-FOR-RECEIVING-APPROVAL-FOR-DUTY-AND-VAT.aspx

Sea Transport
- The HMNZS Wellington is scheduled to arrive on Sunday 29 February 2016 to support the response.

Storage
- The Fiji Cluster System for Disaster Management is operating two main hubs in Lautoka (Nadi) and Walu Bay (Suva) and have identified an additional warehouse site where approximately 30 containers can be stored, however results of a site assessment suggest the surface may not be suitable.
- Three warehouse sites have also been identified in Latoka as there is a recognized need to augment the current warehouse capacity including hard stand to hold for about 100 containers in anticipation of expected incoming Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBDs).
- DFAT is supplying two (10m x 24m) Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and UNICEF one (10m x 24m) MSU for the NDMO in Suva.

Information Management and Coordination
- The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and Flash appeal process will begin in order to support the humanitarian response.
- A Logistics coordination meeting was held, attended by representatives from 20 agencies including government agencies, humanitarian and private sector partners. Meetings are tentatively scheduled to take place every three days. For further information, please see: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/fiji16
- Civil Military coordination capacity is being augmented to support the response.

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks
- An increase in unsolicited bilateral donations in both Nadi and Suva is expected and storage options need to be sourced. However, the Logistics Cluster continues to collaboration with the government in order to collate UBD donations.

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