LOCATION: Fiji
DATE: 1 March 2016

Situation Overview

- Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Winston hit Fiji on 20 and 21 February with sustained winds of around 230 kmph. 42 people have been killed and the number of evacuees currently residing in evacuation centres is more than 55,000.
- Nearly 40,000 people affected are residing on smaller islands in the Eastern Division which have suffered catastrophic damage. The remote location and effects of the typhoon on transportation and infrastructure have caused access to be extremely constrained.
- The Fiji National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is leading the response to the emergency and has activated the Fiji National Cluster System to ensure relief reaches to affected populations.
- Although not formally activated for this response, the Logistics Cluster, through the lead agency WFP, is working with the NDMO as national cluster lead, supporting the government and humanitarian partners relief efforts through logistics coordination and information management and helping to identify logistics gaps.

Access Updates

- All airports are reported to be open and operating services, including those on the 13 outer island stations. However the increase in relief entering the country has caused tarmac space at Nausori Airport in Suva to becoming congested.
- The following Jetties remain closed: Savusavu, Taveuni (Blackpoint and Wiyayu) and Koro.
- The majority of roads are now re-open and accessible. However, many still contain hazards or have limited accessibility including Kubulau Road section which is closed due to tree debris and Kavanagasau Road at Sigatoka which is only accessible for light vehicles due to low hanging power lines.
- See the latest access constraints map as of 29 February 2016: http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-29-february-2016

Transport

Air

- The New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) and Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) continue to support the response with regular relief flights transporting humanitarian cargo. Two MFAT helicopters are also in country providing transportation support on behalf of the Fiji NDMO who is leading the response.
- The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has four helicopters in country to support the government led response and an additional three helicopters arrived today, 1 March 2016 with the vessel HMAS Canberra.

Sea

- To support the NDMO, the Royal New Zealand Military vessel, HMNZS Wellington and HMNZS Canterbury arrived today 1 March. The vessels will sail to the northern Lau Group, an area badly affected by the cyclone.
The Royal Australian Navy ship, HMAS Canberra also arrived today, 1 March with approximately 60 tonnes of emergency relief supplies and personnel to support the government led response.

The Fiji Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) has been updated to include information on the two major shipping schedules available on the following links:

- [http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/DLCA/2.1.1+Fiji+Port+of+Suva](http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/DLCA/2.1.1+Fiji+Port+of+Suva)
- [http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/DLCA/4.2.3+Fiji+Port+and+Waterways+Company+Contact+List](http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/DLCA/4.2.3+Fiji+Port+and+Waterways+Company+Contact+List)

**Customs**

WFP, in support of the National Logistics Cluster, has been working with the relevant Government authorities leading the response to support with the implementation of a simple system for Duty and VAT Exemption requests and associated guidelines. Further guidance will be shared once endorsed by the relevant authorities.

**Civil Military Coordination**

In support of the NDMO and Fiji National Cluster System, OCHA and WFP as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster are implementing a system to consolidate and streamline requests from the humanitarian community for use of military assets in country. For information and forms for requests, please see the following link: [https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/fiji/humanitarian-civil-military-coordination](https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/fiji/humanitarian-civil-military-coordination)

**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 in Suva with hard stand where approximately 30 containers can be stored.

A hangar at Nausori Airport is currently being cleared as staging area for Non Food Items (NFIs). As there is a recognized need to augment the current warehouse capacity in these locations considering the expected incoming Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBDs) and risks of congestion.

At the request of the government of Fiji, WFP as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster is supplying Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to augment the storage capacity.

**Information Management (IM) and Coordination**

In order to support the NDMO led- response, WFP as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster is augmenting in-country staffing capacity including an IM Officer and logistician.

All logistics updates are shared via the dedicated webpage ([http://www.logcluster.org/ops/fiji16](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/fiji16)) and mailing list, see the webpage for subscription instructions.

The Logistics Cluster has updated information on private sector transport, storage and shipping companies in the Fiji Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA): [http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Fiji](http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Fiji). For further information, please contact the IM Officer or subscribe to the mailing list.

**Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks**

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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 collaborate with the government in order to collate UBD donations.

The increase in relief entering the country has caused tarmac space at Nausori Airport to becoming congested with risks of further congestion at Nadi Airport should the increase in cargo entering the country continue to rise.

The limited availability of forklifts and pallets at airports and warehouses could affect operations and distribution of relief item. The Logistics Cluster and NDMO are currently exploring various solutions.

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