LOCATION: Fiji
DATE: 4 March 2016

Situation Overview

- Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Winston hit Fiji on 20 and 21 February with sustained winds of around 230 kmph. To date, 43 people are reported to have been killed and more than 42,000 people continue to reside in evacuations centres following the impact of the cyclone.

- The Fiji National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) is leading the response to the emergency. In support of the NDMO as lead of the Fiji National Cluster System, the Logistics Cluster, through the lead agency WFP, is providing logistics assistance to the relief efforts of the government and humanitarian partners 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.

- Limited apron parking space and handling equipment may cause congestion at Nausori airport. However, an additional forklift has been sourced to augment the handling capacity at the airport.

- Due to limited storage capacity and onward transport capacity, Nadi airport can handle maximum one large (B747) cargo airplane per day.

- For information on airport capacities and contact details, see: http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/DLCA/2.2.2+Fiji+Nausori+International+Airport

- The majority of roads and jetties are re-opened and accessible, for the latest access updates, see the access constraints map as of 2 March, see: http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-2-march-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 on behalf of the government and humanitarian partners.

- Two MFAT helicopters and seven DFAT helicopters are operating in country to support the government led response.

- The French Military Defense Forces are operating one C-212 aircraft and one patrol boat for transport of relief supplies in the Lau Group of islands in support of the government led response.
Sea

- The Royal Australian Navy vessel, HMAS Canberra, continues to provide cargo transportation services and support the relief efforts on behalf of the NDMO and is currently situated west of Koro Island providing vital support to the affected population in one of the areas most affected by the cyclone.
- The Royal Australian Navy vessel HMNZS Canterbury, arrived in Suva Port on 3 March. It will be sailing to the Lau group of islands transporting relief destined for the west of Vanua Balavu.

Customs

- As of 3 March, eight requests (107 MT / 400 m³) for importation of humanitarian relief goods have been tracked through the streamlined relief import process implemented by the NDMO and supported by WFP. The system aims to support operations planning on behalf of the NDMO by monitoring the quantity of humanitarian relief goods that arrive in country by air and sea.
- See the following links for guidelines and forms for the relief item import process (http://www.ndmo.gov.fj/tc-winston/procedures-and-guidelines) and forms (http://www.ndmo.gov.fj/tc-winston/forms)

Civil Military Coordination

- In support of the NDMO and Fiji National Cluster System, OCHA and WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, have implemented a system to consolidate and streamline requests from the humanitarian community for use of military assets in country.
- As of 3 March, five requests have been submitted for processing. For information and forms for requests, please see the following link: https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/fiji/humanitarian-civil-military-coordination

Storage

- The Fiji National Logistics Cluster is operating a total of six warehouses; a main hub in Walu Bay (Suva) comprised of three warehouses and supported by a further two warehouses in Nausori and one in Lautoka, Western Division (Nadi).

Information Management (IM) and Coordination

- At the request of the government, a DHL Disaster Response Team (DRT) arrived in country on 3 March to support the NDMO with receiving and storage of humanitarian relief at Nasouri Airport and additional ports of entry where required.
All logistics updates are shared via the dedicated webpage (http://www.logcluster.org/ops/fij16) 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. For further information, please contact the IM Officer or subscribe to the mailing list.

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- Limited apron parking space and handling equipment may cause congestion at Nausori airport, however effective planning has avoided any impact to operations up to now.
- Due to limited storage and handling capacity at Nadi airport, only one large aircraft (B747) can be handled per day.
- A sudden increase in supplies arriving by air and sea could overwhelm logistics capacity and interrupt the flow of humanitarian relief items. There is a need to support relief operations with logistics coordination and information management on behalf of the NDMO and Fiji National Cluster System to ensure effective logistics response and identification of potential gaps.

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