LOCATION: Fiji
DATE: 7 March 2016

Situation Overview

- Two weeks since category 5 Tropical Cyclone Winston with winds of around 230 kmph hit Fiji on 20 and 21 February, 43 people are confirmed to have been killed, over 19,000 people remain in evacuation centres and more than 7,000 homes have been completely destroyed.

- The Fiji National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) has been 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

- Nausori airport is reported to be operating normally. Three additional forklifts and reduction in aircraft traffic volume compared with last week has so far has reduced the risk of congestion.

- Following an NDMO push to maximise operations, storage and onward transportation capacity at Nadi Airport has improved and operations are normal.

- The limited handling capacity of Nadi Airport means only one large (B747) cargo airplane can be handled per day.

- The majority of roads and jetties are re-opened and accessible, however the following remain closed:
  - Koro South Coastal Road (Between Tuatua village and Nacamaki village)
  - Kings Road (Penang Bridge)
  - Nayaulevu Road (Navuniyaumunu Crossing)
  - Waimari Road (New Crossing)
  - Taveuni Jetty (Blackpoint)

Transport

- French, New Zealand, Australian and Tongan Military Defense forces continue to support the Fiji Government response and humanitarian partners with relief flights and vessels transporting humanitarian cargo to the affected areas.

Customs

- As of 6 March, 12 requests (340 MT / 1163 m³) for importation of humanitarian relief goods from 12 organizations have been tracked through the streamlined relief import process implemented by the NDMO

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and supported by WFP. The system aims to support logistics 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

- 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 7 March, 35 requests have been received and 10 processed. 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).

- The government of Fiji are currently augmenting temporary storage capacity in areas most affected by the cyclone. This includes establishing a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) on Koro Island with the support of the Australian Defence Force.

Information Management (IM) and Coordination

- The DHL Disaster Response Team (DRT) is supporting the NDMO with receipt, sorting and documenting humanitarian relief at Nasourri Airport before onward shipment to cyclone affected areas.

- All logistics updates are shared via the dedicated webpage (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. For further information, please contact the IM Officer or subscribe to the mailing list.
Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- 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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