LOCATION: Fiji

DATE: 10 March 2016

Situation Overview

- The Fiji National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) continues to lead the response to the effects of Tropical Cyclone Winston which hit Fiji on 20 and 21 February 2016, killing 43 people and leaving more than 18,000 still residing in evacuation centres.

- 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.

- The Fiji Ministry of Finance has confirmed that the duty and tax exemption for importation of relief items will apply to all humanitarian cargo arriving before 30 April 2016, subject to relevant exemption procedures.

Access Updates

- Nausori and Nadi airports are reported to be operating normally.

- At Nasouri Airport, three additional forklifts and a reduction in aircraft traffic volume compared with last week has reduced the risk of congestion.

- Access on some segments of the circular roads on Koro, Gau and Ovalau islands and some road crossings in the North-East of Viti Levu and South of Vanua Levu is still restricted.

- The following roads remain closed, repairs are ongoing and four wheel drive road access to all villages is available via alternative detour routes:
  - Koro South Coastal Road (Between Tuatua village and Nacamaki village)
  - Nayaulevu Road (Navuninyaumunu Crossing)
  - Waimari Road (New Crossing)
  - The Taveuni Jetty (Blackpoint) is open for pedestrian access only

Transport

- Through the Franz Arrangement, French, New Zealand and Australian Military Defense Forces continue to support the Fiji Government response and humanitarian partners through the provision of relief flights and vessels transporting humanitarian cargo to affected areas.
The Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) and the Australian Defense Force (ADF) continue to provide engineering support and infrastructure rehabilitation to the areas most affected by the cyclone including Koro Island, Taveuni and southern Vanua Levu and Ovalavu.

HMAS Canberra is due to depart from Suva on 10 March and will sail to the Northern Division to continue assessments and delivery of relief cargo.

HMNZS Wellington has been supporting the response through delivery of relief items to Yacata Island and engineering support in the Northern Lau Group of Islands.

The French fixed wing airplane CASA will cease operations on 10 March 2016. The French patrol boat has arrived in Suva on 9 March and will deliver supplies to Cicia and Natokalau.

**Customs**

- As of 10 March, 23 requests (417 MT / 1400 m³) for importation of humanitarian relief goods from 17 organizations have been tracked through the relief import process. 43% of supplies tracked are expected to arrive in country in the coming weeks.

- The system implemented by the NDMO and supported by WFP, monitors humanitarian relief goods expected to arrive in country. See the following links for guidelines and forms for the relief item import process [http://www.ndmo.gov.fj/tc-winston/procedures-and-guidelines](http://www.ndmo.gov.fj/tc-winston/procedures-and-guidelines) and forms [http://www.ndmo.gov.fj/tc-winston/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. 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)

- As of 10 March, a total of 53 Requests for Assistance (RFAs) were submitted, 11 of those have been submitted by the humanitarian community and a total of 19 RFAs have been completed.

**Storage**

- The Fiji National Logistics Cluster is operating a total of seven 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). Temporary storage capacity through a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU), has been erected on Koro Island supported by the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

- The Logistics Cluster, through lead agency WFP will support the government led response through provision of additional temporary storage capacity in locations identified by the government.
Information Management (IM) and Coordination

- To support monitoring of relief distributions for the response, a database has been developed to track relief item distributions:
  http://www.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=5e4b278d33604d5490b33caad8adda03
- All logistics updates are shared via the dedicated webpage (http://www.logcluster.org/ops/fiji16) and mailing list, see the webpage for subscription instructions.
- Updated information on private sector transport, storage and shipping companies is available in the Fiji Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA): http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Fiji.

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- A limited number of wide bodied aircraft operating from Sydney to Fiji organisations may cause transport delays. The availability of cargo space in Sydney is expected to remain very tight until the end of March.
- Limited handling capacity at Nadi Airport means only one large (B747) cargo airplane can be handled per day.
- A sudden increase in humanitarian relief arriving into Fiji by air and sea could overwhelm logistics capacity and interrupt the flow of humanitarian relief items.

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