LOCATION: Fiji
DATE: 15 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. 44 people are now confirmed to have been killed and more than 5,500 people remain in 256 evacuation centres in the Eastern and Western Divisions.

- In support of the Fiji National Logistics Cluster, WFP as co-lead agency, is providing 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

- A limited number of wide bodied aircraft operating from Sydney to Fiji continues to cause cargo transport delays. Availability of cargo space in Sydney is expected to remain very tight until the end of March.

- Nausori and Nadi airports are reported to be operating normally, however a large amount of incoming cargo by air could potentially cause congestion.

- 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 are still restricted, however all areas can be accessed using four wheel drive vehicles via alternative routes.

- As a result of damage to foundations, the Navaca Bridge in southern Taveuni requires rebuilding. More information on the road accessibility is available at Fiji Roads Authority: http://fijiroads.maps.arcgis.com/home/

- In Taveuni, Blackpoint and Waiyevo Jetties require ongoing repair to return them to full operational capacity.

Transport

- The gradual withdrawal of the foreign military forces, present to assist the government leading the response, is expected to begin on 16 March with the departure of the vessel HMNZS Wellington. Further foreign military assets are scheduled to depart over the coming weeks.

- The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) is providing assistance to relief operations in the Northern Lau group and is supporting the transportation of relief cargo via the vessel HMNZS Canterbury in Vanua Belavu.

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The French patrol boat, La Moqueuse and two Tongan vessels are supporting logistics operations and engineering activities of the government of Fiji in the Lau Group of Islands and around Vanua Balavu.

**Customs**

- The Finance and Procurement Office (FPO) of the Ministry of Finance has confirmed that the duty and tax exemption for importation of relief items applies to humanitarian cargo arriving before 30 April 2016, subject to relevant exemption procedures.

- As of 15 March, 26 requests (in total 949 MT / 3457 m³) for importation of humanitarian relief goods from 20 organisations and donors have been tracked through the relief import process. 67% of supplies tracked are expected to arrive in the country in the coming two weeks, 68% of which is comprised of shelter items.

- The import process implemented by the NDMO and supported by WFP monitors humanitarian relief goods expected to arrive in the country. See the following links for guidelines and forms for the relief items 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 co-lead of the Logistics Cluster have implemented a system to consolidate and streamline Requests For Assistance (RFAs) from the humanitarian community to use military assets in the country. For information and request forms, 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 14 March, a total of 80 RFAs were submitted for the use of national and foreign military assets and 47 were successfully completed.

**Storage**

- WFP will support the government-led response, the NDMO and FPO as lead of the National Logistics Cluster through the provision of additional temporary storage capacity in locations identified by the government.

- The Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) will augment the existing storage capacity of the Fiji National Logistics Cluster that is currently operating seven warehouses in Walu Bay (Suva), Nausori and Lautoka and an MSU on Koro supported by the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

**Information Management (IM) and Coordination**

- To monitor relief distributions, a database has been developed to track relief items distribution: [http://www.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=5e4b278d33604d5490b33caad8adda03](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 additional service providers is available in the Fiji Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA): http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/DLCA/4.2.8+Fiji+Additional+Service+Provision+Contact+List

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- Withdrawal of the foreign military force transportation assets in the coming weeks could increase pressure by the government on transport and distribution capacity of relief supplies and the demand of private sector transport assets.

- From 17 to 28 March, eight large cargo aircraft with a total of 511 MT of relief cargo is expected to arrive into Nadi and Nausori Airports as part of a government donation. This increase in humanitarian relief arriving into Fiji by air could overwhelm logistics capacity and interrupt the flow of humanitarian relief items.

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