### LOCATION: Vanuatu

### DATE: 20 March 2015

### CHAIR: NDMO Logistics Cluster Coordinator

### PARTICIPANTS:

- Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Act for Peace, Australian Defence Force (ADF), Butterfly Trust, Care, DHL/DRT, Care, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), French Authority, JICA, Live & Learn, New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), New Zealand Medical Assistance Team, Oxfam, Public Works Department, Samaritan’s Purse, Save, UNICEF, WFP, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), WHO, World Vision, International Medical Plan and Japan Disaster Relief

### ACTION POINTS:

- Participants are encouraged to share possible joint storage options

### AGENDA:

1. Storage
2. Updates on Movement (Air and Sea)
3. A.O.B.

#### 1. Storage

- Once the joint storage is established by WFP in Port Vila Airport and Tanna, organisations needing to access short-term storage (3-4 days maximum) must fill in a Service Request Form (SRF) accessible at: [http://www.logcluster.org/document/vanuatu-service-request-form](http://www.logcluster.org/document/vanuatu-service-request-form).

- Requests should be submitted, using the standard SRF, to: [Vanuatu.cargo@logcluster.org](mailto:Vanuatu.cargo@logcluster.org)

- Several Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are looking at the possibility of renting 2000m² of storage on Epi Island. They were asked to report back if this was secured and available to other organisations.

- World Vision indicated that North and East Efate may be a good place to store supplies due to a high need for materials there (extensive damage) and easy access to service the Shepherd Islands by boat.

- The owner of Emua Wharf has two secure empty containers on the wharf available for storage.

- Caritas and the French Red Cross to discuss the options of storage in Efate, in Port Vila, which may be accessible to other organisations.

- WFP requested to inform the NDMO on any details of new warehouses, particularly if there is a possibility to share that space with other organisations.
2. Updates on Movement (Air and Sea)

Stock Tracking

- The Logistics Cluster Data Management Team has established a database of stocks and pipeline info in order to have greater transparency on relief items. Organisations and donors are asked to send pipeline information, manifests and distributed items etc. to Vanuatu.stocks@gmail.com

NDMO Clearance

- It is a requirement that all stocks arriving in country must be cleared through the NDMO prior to departure from the country of origin. Requests including list of cargo to be uplifted should be sent to ndmo.logistics@gmail.com

Air Cargo

- To access common air assets (which currently are only military assets) organisations are asked to submit a Service Request Form (SRF).

- To access the SRF to request military assets and common storage assets (when they become available): http://www.logcluster.org/document/vanuatu-service-request-form

- Requests should be submitted to vanuatu.cargo@logcluster.org

- A Boeing 747 from UAE was scheduled to travel to Brisbane carrying supplies for a number of agencies including Care, Act for Peace, WFP, Save the Children, ADRA and World Vision. This cargo would then be brought across on several commercial chassises scheduled to bring relief supplies on the 21st of March.

Updates on Military Assets

- Requests for common military transport assets should be requested through the process indicated above.

- The Logistics Cluster is trying to streamline and coordinate requests. Once Service Request Forms are submitted to Vanuatu.cargo@logcluster.org they will be collated and given to the civilian military coordinator. He will then present them to the military group in the regular morning meeting, who will then attempt to task assets to complete the requests. The requests will drive what assets are provided.

- It was noted that a number of C17 and C130 air assets have been coming into the country from Australia, New Zealand and France (from Noumea). British military air assets are also now carrying relief items.
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**Australian Military Assets**

- It was noted that two C17 planes have been flying from Amberley to Port Vila. There were some questions over frequency of flights. The capacity of the C17 is 18 pallets.

- Currently the C130 can only land in Port Vila, Santo and Tanna. It is slightly smaller and can carry 8 pallets. This will be the primary mover between the three islands.

- Other aircraft available include two King Airs, which can carry six passengers or 1.2 tonnes; these are currently approved to land at the same three airfields, but may be able to land on other airfields once assessments are made.

- There is a civilian Bell helicopter with an estimated 1 tonne capacity, or six passengers, which will be able to land almost anywhere within a 100-nautical mile range. Further details will be provided when they are known.

- In addition, there are two Orions for reconnaissance and mapping work, and two Black Hawks arriving on 20/03/15, which have a lift capacity of around 3.6 tonnes. These will take a few days to be serviced and require defense personnel to be in location before they can fly in.

- The HMAS Tobruk will bring a MRH90 helicopter. This will be able to operate in 100 mile radius of the Tobruk. The stores on the Tobruk will be delivered up North then it will be moved down South. It is due to arrive on the evening of 23/03/15. It will not be used as a ferry or barge and will not be doing runs. Key timings of re-fueling for loading will be provided to everyone. It will also be bringing two smaller landing craft that will be able to go to the smaller islands.

**New Zealand**

- A B200 has arrived, which should be airborne in an hour and heading to Epi. Payloads will need to be light and therefore it is more for positioning personnel than assets. There is a potential for drop zone teams.

- The NZ Navy is looking at bringing the Canterbury in which has amphibious landing capability, and a large payload. It will likely be based around Epi and is unlikely to be used for ferrying as it is a large vessel.

**France**

- France has several aircraft with 4.5 tonne capacity. Expecting to stay in the Southern province and go to Tanna and Erromango.

**UK**

- A UK C17 arrived yesterday, via Amberley with assistance of Australia. It has returned to Amberley and is capable of approximately another four rotations to Port Vila (3.5 hours from Brisbane to Port Vila).
40 hours of flying time have been provided, which can be used as needed. This may include use to move stores regionally.

**Update on Commercial Services**

- Vanuatu Beef offered their first barge free of charge and transported many supplies. Now they will charge a fee. It is expected to be going to the Shepherd Islands.

- Vanuatu Ferry left last night for Tanna. There has been no communication, but it is expected it will return Saturday morning, March 21st. The fee was 8500 vatu per cubic.

- Save The Children are looking at using 10 tonne and 30 tonne barges to go up to the Shepherds and other islands, and are looking at the possibility of sharing these.

- The World Health Organisation (WHO) reported they are looking to use smaller boats carrying 1-5 tonnes. WHO noted that medical supplies will be centralized as far as possible, although the Ministry has limited information for some islands.

- Currently commercial services are being under-utilized. NDMO logistics will distribute details from Vanuatu ferry and Vanuatu beef.

- WFP requested that the NDMO should not be listed as consignee.

**3. A.O.B.**

- It is requested that a representative from the Shelter Cluster working group participate regularly in the meeting.

*The next Logistics Cluster Meeting is scheduled for Monday 23 March 2015 at 11:00am in the UNICEF tent in front lawn of NDMO.*

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