Location: Vanuatu
Date: 7 April 2015
Chair: NDMO Logistics Cluster Coordinator
Participants: Australian Defence Force (ADF), WFP, Red Cross, DHL DRT, UNICEF, Dept. of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT), Ocean Logistics, MedAir, Ministry of Education, PCV Church, Australian Civil Corp. (ACC), NDMO, Save the Children

New Action Points:
- Organisations to share updated road access information with MIPU
- Organisations to share any pallet supplier contacts
- NDMO to share information on agreed distribution points per island
- Logistics Cluster to share shipping schedule for inter-island cargo transport
- Logistics Cluster to help find solutions for limited truck capacity in Tanna

Agenda:
1. Action Points from Previous Meeting
2. Storage
3. Transport (by sea & air)
4. Any other Business

1. Action Points from Previous Meeting

Electriciens sans Frontières to assist NDMO determine generator specifications
- Electriciens sans Frontières (ESF) volunteered to determine the specifications of generators donated to the response by the Chinese Government. According to ESF, there are 20 6.5 kVA and 200 5kVA generators, all with diesel engines. 20 generators are to be distributed to Tanna Island, with the primary purpose of supporting water pumps. The Wash Cluster have developed a plan to support their distribution.
- Supply of fuel and a lack of spare parts were raised as a concern for the operation of the generators in Tanna.

Source manufacturer of pallets
- Pallets are still proving difficult to procure. The NDMO is investigating the possibility of sourcing pallets from the Chinese construction company currently building the new Convention Centre in Tanna.

Shipping schedule for inter-island transport
- The Logistics Cluster SitReps now include shipping schedules relevant to the response effort. The are available on the Logistics Cluster website at: http://logcluster.org/ops/van15a

Solutions for limited truck capacity in Tanna
- The supply of fuel on Tanna has resumed, with the local supplier having a regular stock of 4,000 litres of petrol and 5,000 litres of diesel, as well as 72 litres of oil for two-stroke engines.
- The Provincial Disaster Committee (PDC) continues to investigate options for repair of their trucks, as well as borrowing trucks from the Department of Public Works. This would increase capacity, which remains short by four (5MT) trucks to meet distribution requirements.
2. Storage

- The airport warehouse is now approximately half-full following the humanitarian relief donations from China and Indonesia which have been arriving over the last few days. Much of these deliveries have been stored at Star Wharf or moved to the Vanuatu Mobile Force (VMF) gym.
- WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, is in the process of relocating the Tanna Airport MSU to Lenakel Wharf. The relocated MSU should be available for common storage week beginning 13 April.
- Discussions are underway for the establishment of a third MSU (in addition to the PDC and Lenakel MSUs), to be located at Port Resolution, supporting distributions to remote communities on the east side of Tanna Island.

3. Transport

Shipping Schedule for food (WFP)

- A presentation was given by WFP Head of Logistics, Vanuatu, regarding shipping requirements for the next one to two weeks and possible options for sharing shipping capacity. A detailed cargo movement plan will be shared and public tendering process initiated, a fair and open tender process will allow all interested shipping companies to participate. A concern with the current ad-hoc method of chartering by a wide range of organizations, is the interruption to commercial routes and schedules.
- It was highlighted that Santo will become the base for WFP dispatches to the Northern and Central island groups, covering all affected islands in Malampa, Penama and Torba down to Epi in Shefa). All islands south of Epi will be served directly from Port Vila.
- Vessels with sufficient capacity for organisations to use this excess space for shipment of their own commodities will be organised. Organisations will be responsible to pay for booked space. Shipping schedule information, to improve transport coordination and utilization, will be provided by the Logistics Cluster
- Trucking capacity continues to be a problem, particularly on Tanna. This will deteriorate as the ad-hoc supply of the Chinese construction firm has stopped, and the Australian Defense Force (ADF) are withdrawing.
- Donors are encouraged to invest in trucking capacity now. Once the response effort is concluded, the vehicles could potentially be donated to the Public Works Department or the Provincial Disaster Committees (PDCs).

Table of agreed distribution points by Island

- The NDMO is finalizing the agreed distribution points, listing each village and community to be covered by distribution point. Once finalized, it will be circulated to Logistics Cluster members.

4. Any Other Business

Red Cross – Roofing supplies

- The Vanuatu Red Cross Society is trying to purchase Natangora (leaf roofing) for shelters but cannot locate supplies in Port Vila. It was suggested that they look for roofing supplies in Santo and Malekula as these islands suffered less damaged and may still have the raw materials required. Any order would need to be made in advance due to the length of time required for local manufacturing.

Transport costs
• DHL notified that they were recently presented with a bill for forklift usage at the airport of VUV 20,000/hr, and warned organisations to be aware of prices at Bauerfield Airport before requesting services.
• A consolidated list of transporters, not including rates, was distributed by mailing list earlier in the week. The same list, rates included, is available on request from aaron.holmes@wfp.org.

Other
• ADF notified that they will be withdrawing services from Vanuatu by the end of the week.
• Save the Children offered the use of their warehouse on Epi (roughly 1000 m²) for the storage needs of the humanitarian community

The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will be held on Friday 10 April 2015, 11:00am, UNICEF tent at the NDMO office.

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