Vanuatu – Cyclone Pam Response

Minutes of Meeting
(21 April 2015)

Location: Port Vila, Vanuatu
Date: 21 April 2015
Chair: NDMO Logistics Officer
Participants: World Vision, ADRA, Oxfam, UNICEF, WHO, Promedical

Action Points:
- NDMO to share information on agreed distribution points per island

Agenda:
1. Action Points from Previous Meeting
2. Storage
3. Transport
4. Any other Business

1. Action Points from Previous Meeting

NDMO Information on agreed distribution points per island
- Extended Delivery Points (EDPs) have been agreed upon and transport to EDPs has begun. Final distribution points are being developed by Island Managers and these will be shared with organisations as soon as they are available.

Logistics Cluster to organize meeting with Vanuatu Terminal Services (VTS) on rates for relief items
- The Logistics Cluster and the Director of NDMO, met with VTS on 16 April, and discussed key handling rates for humanitarian relief items at the airport. Following the meeting, the Director of NDMO issued an official letter detailing the rates, which was circulated to organisations on 16 April.

Logistics cluster to provide links to OCHA maps of consolidated stock and dispatch data
- Links to available OCHA maps were shared on 15 April, and can be accessed on the following link: www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/vanuatu/food-security/infographics

2. Storage

- The Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) which was situated at the airport has now been relocated to the forecourt of the NDMO office in Port Vila. The MSU is for storage of government Non-Food Items (NFI) and is no longer available for common storage.
- The Tanna Common Storage MSU located at the Provincial Disaster Committee (PDC) office is at 40% capacity, with storage space available for humanitarian organisations.
- Transport of relief items and trucks from Port Vila to Tanna, by the vessel MV Sarafenua, has been delayed by one week due to poor sailing conditions.

3. Transport

Military Assets
- The Solomon Island patrol boat which has been supporting the transport needs of the humanitarian community and provided by the Civil-Military Joint Task Force, will remain available until 23 April when it is due to depart Port Vila. A request for extension is pending and updates will be shared once confirmed.
- The Vanuatu Marine Patrol Vessel (MVP) remains available indefinitely, however commercial options should be prioritised when and where available.

www.logcluster.org/ops/van15a
Officer of Boeing 737

- An offer of a Boeing-737 cargo flight (19 mt capacity) free-of-charge for the humanitarian community has been received, subject to a full cargo load being organised prior. Currently, requests for up to 80% of one load have been received.
- The point of origin of the plane is San Francisco, with potential pick up points in Dubai or Kuala Lumpur. Other potential pick up points that are being discussed include Brisbane, Amsterdam and Sydney, but these locations have yet to be confirmed.
- Further requests for the B737 cargo flight transport should be sent to NDMO Logistics focal point, including:
  1. Point of Origin
  2. Date the shipment will be ready
  3. Tonnage (mt)
  4. Volume (m³)
- The revised deadline for submission of requests for this service is 17h00, Wednesday 22 April.
- Note that the offer of use of the B737 is not final and should not be relied upon as the only option for transport of the identified consignment(s).

Tanna

- Trucks hired for use in Tanna remain delayed at Star wharf due to poor sailing conditions around Tanna.
- World Vision has two trucks in Tanna which may be available to organisations, subject to needs. World Vision is in the process of transporting two additional 4x4 double-cab pickups to Tanna.
- The Department of Public Works also has two trucks which may be available to support the transportation needs of humanitarian organisations.

Ambrym

- ADRA advised that three commercial trucks are available for hire on Ambrym: two pick-up trucks and one land cruiser. These are currently available for organisations at a pre-agreed rate. For further information, contact the Logistics Cluster.

### 4. Any Other Business

**NDMO Data Tables**

- The NDMO data team presented the latest pipeline, stock and dispatch figures. A soft-copy of this will be distributed with the meeting minutes.
- Future versions of the spreadsheet will split committed and uncommitted stock.

**Availability of NDMO Stocks**

- NDMO has stated that NFI stocks are available to partners if needed. Requests for these items, as listed on the NDMO Data tables, should be made by the individual organisations to the relevant sector Cluster. Once agreed by the Cluster lead, the Cluster lead is to send a written request to the Director General of NDMO for approval.
- Organisations are advised to physically review the items prior to requesting stock to ensure they meet quality requirements, and can be handled at the distribution point.

**OCHA Maps**
Updated stock distribution maps are expected to be produced and shared by the end of the week.

Next Logistics Cluster Meeting will be held at 11am on Tuesday, 28 April in the UNICEF tent, NDMO compound.

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