LOCATION: Suva, Fiji  
DATE: 23 March 2016  
CHAIR: Logistics Officer, World Food Programme (WFP)  
PARTICIPANTS: Australian High Commission, Australian Army, ADRA, CARE, CARITAS, DHL, Fiji Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity Fiji, Fiji Financial Procurement Office (FPO), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Save the Children, ShelterBox, Salvation Army, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP).

ACTION POINTS:  
• Logistics Cluster to share detailed overview of the relief items donated to Fiji by the Chinese government;  
• OCHA Civ-Mil Coordinator to share information on foreign military transportation assets’ withdrawal and timeline, when available.

AGENDA:  
1. Situation Update  
2. National Cluster Update  
3. Update on relief cargo import tracking  
4. Update on Requests for Assistance (RFA) System  
5. Needs and Gaps  
6. AOB

1. Situation Update

• Four Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) provided by WFP as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster to augment the storage capacity of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMO), arrived at Nadi Airport on Monday 21 March.  

• Two of the four MSUs initially planned to be located in Lautoka, will now be tentatively installed at a warehouse hub of the Central Division near Nausori Airport, pending NDMO confirmation.

• The delays for transportation of relief cargo from Sydney to Fiji via Fiji Airways due to limited cargo aircraft capacity are ongoing and expected to continue until end of March.

• 23 additional containers with Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBDs) from New Zealand have arrived in Lautoka this week. Of the eleven containers already received by NDMO last week, 7 have been cleared and commodities distributed to affected areas in the Western Division.

• The increase of UBDs is currently straining the government’s transport, storage and distribution capacity of relief supplies. The government has requested the DHL Disaster Response Team (DRT) to do a stock take of the UBDs on receipt, and based on the findings it will plan national distributions accordingly.

• The Fijian Government has received the first four of eight cargo flights as part of a donation from China. The remaining relief cargo is arriving over the next 8 days. The cargo consists of tents, blankets and generators. Items will be distributed through the Fiji government.

• The third rotation of DHL DRT is currently assisting NDMO with receiving and processing incoming humanitarian cargo at two sites at the NDMO/Financial Procurement Office (FPO) warehouse and the Public Works Department in Lautoka. The latter is currently being used to store tents donated by the Chinese government.

2. Update from the National Cluster

• The 30-day State of Emergency announced by the government, and due to end on 21 March, has been extended until 19 April. A representative from the FPO advised that during the state of emergency the government has received an extension of 15 days for shipping containers, before demurrage/detention’s charges are applied by shipping lines.
Organisations who receive their cargo in shipping containers are recommended to check with the relevant shipping line if the standard 7 days at-no-cost applies, or if an extension of 15 days can be given.

### 3. Update on relief cargo import tracking

- As of 22 March, 35 requests have been received from 24 different organizations for importation of 1068 MT of cargo. 63% of cargo has arrived, tracked through the relief import process implemented by the NDMO and supported by WFP.
- 50% of the relief items still expected to arrive are shelter items; 32% health and 18% logistics supplies.

### 4. Updated on Requests for Assistance (RFA) System

- An update was given on the Request for Assistance (RFA) process. As of 22 March, 112 requests have been received through the RFA system, of which 80 were fulfilled, 26 cancelled and 6 are pending assets availability.
- The HMNZS Canterbury is scheduled to return to Suva on 28 March before sailing back to the Lau Group to provide transportation support for the government and humanitarian community in the emergency response.
- As the emergency response is moving towards the recovery phase, foreign militaries present to support the government-led response, are progressively withdrawing transportation assets. Hence, RFAs submitted in the future are unlikely to be completed. Urgent requests, however, may be still fulfilled via the transportation assets (helicopter and vessels) currently still in country.
- OCHA Civ-Mil Coordinator to advise Logistics Cluster’s participants on foreign militaries’ withdrawal plans and timeline as they become available.

### 5. Needs and Gaps

- Save the Children requested information on trucking services options and fuel availability, in the Koro island and Northern Lau Group.
- Save the Children requested information on the type of UBDs received by NDMO, and where they have already been distributed to, so that it can plan its own distributions accordingly.

### 6. A.O.B

- Logistics Cluster participants have agreed to reduce the frequency of the coordination meetings to fortnightly. The next meeting will be held on 06 April at 11:00. Invitation to the meeting and agenda will follow in due course.
- Arnel Haboc, MSU Construction Expert, was introduced to participants. He is currently in Fiji to train government and Fiji Red Cross representatives in how to set up MSUs.

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