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CHAIR: Logistics Coordinator, Fiji Procurement Office
PARTICIPANTS: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Fiji Red Cross, Fiji Procurement Office (FPO), International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Save the Children, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP).

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1. Situation Update

- The State of Natural Disaster has been lifted. Under the leadership of the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), the Fijian Government is now moving towards the recovery and rehabilitation phase of the Tropical Cyclone Winston response.

2. Update from the National Cluster

- A total of 16 containers with Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBDs) are in country and pending distribution. An additional 16 containers with UBDs, non-food items (NFIs) and food rations are en route.

- The NDMO advised it has some emergency reserve stocks available for immediate and urgent needs. Interested humanitarian organisations should file a request directly through their Divisions’ commissioners.

- The New Zealand Defence Force has left Fiji. A final contingent of some 200 Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel is expected to leave by 24 April. Fiji’s military assets continue to remain available for the transport of humanitarian aid.

- Request for Assistance (RFA) from the humanitarian community to use military assets can still be filed. These are now directly received by the NDMO and processed accordingly. Further information the RFA process can be found at: https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/fiji/humanitarian-civil-military-coordination

- Plans are ongoing to set up a logistics hub in Suva for prepositioning purposes. A location has been identified, where a suitable - albeit partially damaged – structure for a total size of 760m², is already in place. Organisations will be informed on progress and availability of storage space.

- The NDMO plans to roll-out three lessons learned exercises in early May, at the divisional, HQ and national-levels. For the latter, invitations for inputs will be extended to humanitarian organisations.

3. Access Constraints

- Due to recent adverse weather conditions, a number of roads are closed to all traffic on the island of Vanua Levu, Northern Division, including the Navakuru Crossing on Nakorotari Road, Mataniwai Road, Natewa West Coast Road and Napuca.

- The Tuatua-Nacamaki, Kade-Navaga and Delaikoro roads on Koro Island, Eastern Division are also closed due to landslides and fallen trees.

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- The Fiji Roads Authority maintains and regularly updates an online Road Status Report, which can be found at: http://www.fijiroads.org/content/current-road-status

4. Needs and Gaps

- Red Cross informed participants that it is still looking to procure shelter toolkits and tarpaulins. The Red Cross was asked to share information on locations, so that the NDMO can assess whether it can source the items from its emergency stocks.

- UNICEF is expecting the arrival of several containers with WASH, nutrition an education supplies in May. FPO to confirm whether the expected shipments are eligible under the Duty & Tax exemption for humanitarian cargo due to end on 30 April.

5. A.O.B

- Following consultations with organisations, and in light of the end of the State of Natural Disaster and the shift of response operations towards the early recovery and rehabilitation phase, it was agreed that Logistics Sector Coordination Meetings for the TC Winston response would be provisionally discontinued.

- The FPO and NDMO continue to remain available to the humanitarian community, and provide logistics information sharing, coordination and support. All queries and requests should be sent to: fpo_shipping_suva@govnet.gov.fj

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