Project Overview: Q1 2018

2018 PROGRESS CHARTS

Project Highlights

- As an outcome of the 2017 Regional Pacific Logistics Cluster workshop and the World Food Programme (WFP) Pacific retreat, a revised Pacific logistics strategy was developed for three years (2018-2020), available upon request. It was designed to better address the localisation agenda, consolidating the core 7 projects to 4 key areas:
  - Coordination: regroups National Logistics Cluster development, regional Logistics Cluster and Civ-Mil
  - Prepositioning: regroups Common Storage, Stockpile Mapping and Standardisation
  - Trainings and Simulations: Brings together the Pacific Emergency And Response Logistics (PEARL) training package and in-country simulations
  - Information Management (IM): Brings together the Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBD) project including matching platform, the Pacific Logistics Mapping (PALM) platform, and the Pacific logistics platform project

Coordination

- A concept note has been developed for the Coordination project linking the various components listed above. It is available upon request.
- The first Logistics Cluster sub-regional workshop (Micronesia) – which is set to replace the Pacific-wide regional workshops held in 2016 and 2017 - is organised to take place 9-13 April in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). It will bring together logistics and humanitarian actors from across RMI, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Palau and Kiribati. The move to sub-regional workshops aims to further enhance the localisation agenda.
- Following the Tropical Cyclone Gita response in Samoa, WFP’s National Logistics Cluster Development Officer, visited Samoa to start work on the National Logistic Cluster’s Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The document is aimed at strengthening collaboration between logistics partners in-country, after gaps were identified during response activities.
- FSM held its first Logistics Cluster meeting and moved forward on finalising its SOPs and other activities including a Concept of Operations (CONops) and Minimum Preparedness Activities (MPAs).
- WFP met with the Australian Civil Miliary Centre (ACMC); the New Zealand Defence Force Military Attachés for Fiji, Cook Islands Nui and Tuvalu; United States Pacific Command (USPACOM) and Nevada State Guard. Discussions covered upcoming events, including a proposed activity with Republic of Fiji Military Forces and partners in May.

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Prepositioning

- A concept note has been developed for the prepositioning project and is available on request. The document highlights how the project will bring together Standardisation, Common Storage, and the potential benefits of the online Pacific Logistics Mapping (PALM) platform.
- Following recent successful meetings, an atoll logistics project is being designed to further strengthen prepositioning in remote locations. It should include WFP, the Red Cross Movement, private sector and some donors.

Training and Simulations

- A concept note was developed for the Training and Simulation project highlighting the linkages between PEARL and simulations in the region moving forward. It is available upon request.
- A logistic preparedness simulation was held in Solomon Islands, focusing specifically on identifying coordination tools and mechanisms already utilised, and what areas could be strengthened as part of National Logistics Cluster development. It was attended by government, private sector, NGOs, Red Cross.
- Logistics training held in Kiribati in January, following completion of Training Needs Assessment (TNA) in 2017.
- TNA and 1-day training undertaken in Cook Islands in February, facilitated by International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) and WFP Pacific Offices.
- TNA undertaken in Tuvalu in February.
- Continued interactions with APTC and Queensland TAFE on the implementation of PEARL.

Information Management

- A concept note has been developed for the IM project linking UBDs, logistics data platforms and overall communications and project reporting. It is available upon request.
- LCAs completed in FSM, Kiribati and Palau. The documents are currently undergoing review for publication in Q2, 2018.
- The online PALM platform – set to replace the current Excel based stockpile mapping - is being developed through a sprint process. It will allow all Pacific users to update their stock report at their own frequency and to include their own items, while also providing a mapping capacity for easy usage.
- The first tranche was paid in relation to the ongoing development of the UBD matching platform technology. This platform will work with technical clusters to collect the needs and gaps of what is not available for ‘would-be’ donators following a disaster, to reduce the number and logistical constraints posed by UBDs.
- UBD communications were triggered across the Pacific region, following Category 4 Tropical Cyclone Gita. The messaging contributed to the largest monthly output of ‘Cash is Best’ messages regionally since the regional communication strategy was approved in September 2017, with more than 100 communications activities recorded for February. Regular updates on the UBD project can be found here.
- Two new blog posts on the Vanuatu Ambae response and the Kiribati LCA were published online.
- An overall annual infographic for the Pacific Logistics Cluster preparedness project was published online. The document is complemented with annual snapshots of the UBD and training projects.

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