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## National Society-IFRC-WFP Capacity Strengthening Initiative

### Monthly Report: PACIFIC

August-September-October 2018

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#### 1. What has happened in the last month?

The project agreement was signed on 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 and implementation of the project to facilitate at least two logistics development learning peer-exchange missions to the Pacific IFRC office began as per the agreed project plan.

The initial coordination meetings aimed at refining the workplan and timelines were delayed due to various travel requirements, but the recruitment process for the interns was initiated and completed with representatives from both IFRC and WFP Pacific Offices involved in the selection panel.

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#### 2. What is going well? What are the challenges?

Due to delays in finalizing the agreement, the actual first month of implementation happened to be at the time where both IFRC and WFP staffs in charge of the implementation of the IFRC-WFP capacity strengthening initiative were travelling. As such the initial coordination meetings had to be delayed by a couple of weeks and took place early August.

Recruitment and selection activities for the first intern took place in September-October and the first intern selected to commence from 5th November to 22nd December 2018. There was a lot of interest in the project from Pacific Red Cross Societies and the initiative has been well received to date.

There are remaining contractual questions that need to be sorted for the processing of funding.

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#### 3. What is planned for next month?

The first intern selected to commence from 5th November to 22nd December 2018. A briefing schedule has been developed and workplan will be further defined during the first two weeks. This internship placement corresponds in timing with the Polynesian Logistics Cluster Workshop in Tonga from 19<sup>th</sup>-23 November, which the intern will also attend.

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#### 4. Any reflections or questions