PACIFIC OPERATIONS
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2020

8 countries served
(Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu)

136 m³
Total cargo received for storage

564 m³
Air cargo facilitated

8
Cargo flights

18
Organisations supported

Background
The COVID-19 pandemic has led to significant movement restrictions in many countries and numerous international flight disruptions. Consequently, there are operational challenges for humanitarian organisations responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and other ongoing crises. This includes specific difficulties in deploying expertise and moving urgently required medical goods and personal protective equipment. The Pacific Logistics Cluster (PLC) is supporting the regional health response led by WHO and the Health Ministries in-country.

Situational Highlights
Access to commercial carrier and cargo flights continues to improve as air transport restrictions ease in some Pacific countries. However, strict border restrictions remain in place for most of the region and travel between the countries for non-residents and non-citizens is not possible for all countries.

The Pacific Logistics Cluster continues to monitor this situation in order to provide accurate and timely information to all stakeholders regarding air transport and cargo options.

In response to increased demand for cargo across the Pacific region, a number of shipping companies have introduced rate restoration charges on various routes in the region.

Difficulties in facilitating ship crew change continue to be one of the most pressing issues for the global shipping industry. This has generated additional complications and costs for shipping companies. Limited crew changes are being conducted in Fiji and New Zealand. Globally, there is a huge backlog of ships who have either completed their contracts on board or are currently waiting to join ships.

AIR CARGO FACILITATED

Donors / Governments 33%
UN Agencies 67%

ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED

ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AGENCY, CARE, INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION, OXFAM, PACIFIC BUSINESS RESILIENCE NETWORK, PACIFIC COMMUNITY, PACIFIC DISABILITY FORUM, PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM, SAVE THE CHILDREN, UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND, UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN’S FUND, UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME AND WORLD VISION

8
AVIATION
UPDATE SHARED

5
SHIPPING
UPDATES SHARED

3
MEETINGS
HELD

7
ORGANISATIONS
ATTENDED

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