Project Highlights

Coordination
- The Pacific’s first Logistics Cluster sub-regional workshop was held in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) from 9-13 April. The workshop brought together more than 40 participants from across the Micronesia region. A full report including objectives, outcomes and feedback can be found here.
- Following the workshop, rollout of dedicated national logistics work plans across Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Palau and RMI has begun, with support from the World Food Programmes’ (WFP) Pacific office.
- Samoa’s National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and WFP Pacific convened a two-day logistics workshop in Apia on strengthening humanitarian logistics systems and planning. Sessions covered include: nationally-defined Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for emergency logistics, Minimum Preparedness Actions (MPAs), Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBDs) and Logistics Cluster coordination. Full workshop report can be found here.
- Following the spewing of ash and harmful smoke from Manaro Voui Volcano (Ambae Island, Vanuatu), the Pacific Logistics Cluster deployed a Logistics Cluster Coordinator to Vanuatu for two months through Red R Australia. The coordinator provided surge capacity and mentorship to Vanuatu’s National Logistics Cluster, led by the National Disaster Management Office.
Training and Simulations

- A Logistics Cluster induction training was given to the New Zealand NGO Disaster Relief Forum (NDRF) on 13 June to 13 participants. Given the majority of audience members were not logisticians, the purpose of the event was to highlight the role of logistics within a humanitarian response and the importance of working closely with logistics programs.

Information Management

- The Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) for FSM has been published online.
- The Pacific Logistics Mapping project (PALM) has entered its last phase of development and is expected to be online by early July. While the platform now exists, depending on the outcomes of the ongoing final testing phase this date could be pushed by a few weeks to address the findings. The platform will replace the Excel-based spreadsheet and offers greater flexibility for data entry as well as report extractions.
- The discovery phase of the project with Australian private sector firm, YUME, to define a pathway for adapting their matching platform technology to the UBDs project has been finalised. The process provided WFP with a realistic and documented way forward in terms of timelines, budget and next course of actions for the setup of the Pacific UBDs matching platform.
- A national UBDs communications toolkit was presented at the two-day logistics workshop in Samoa. Following consultations and collaborative working group sessions, the toolkit will be finalised for national usage by July. The Logistics Cluster aims to develop three national communications toolkits prior to the 2018-19 cyclone season.
- UBDs communications data from the 2017-18 cyclone season is being collated with stakeholders from across the region. Recommendations and action points for 2018-19 cyclone season will be discussed over the next month.
- A new blog post on the Micronesia sub-regional workshop was published online.

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