Pacific Logistics Cluster
Project Overview
Q4 2017

Project Highlights

Cooperation & Information Management
- Support on the Ambae Emergency Evacuation response: World Food Programme was one of the only three agencies (along with IOM and IFRC) requested to provide technical support for the Vanuatu government-led Ambae response. A WFP Logistics Officer was deployed and took on a mentoring role to support the nationally led, provincially focused logistics response.
- As a follow up on a high level meeting held in Rome at the end of October between WFP and the IFRC, the Pacific team engaged in drafting a Concept Note on regional coordination in support of Logistics Cluster activities.
- A revised Concept Note was shared with CAN DO (Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations) highlighting logistics priorities to work on collaboratively.
- Definition of 2018-2020 WFP logistics strategy: the main output is to move from an overall Pacific perspective, towards a sub-regional approach (Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia), aligning closer with Logistics Cluster’s localisation agenda. This will be reflected through the roll out of annual sub-regional workshops.

Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBDs)
- Presented pillar 1 of the Pacific Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBD) project (“Cash is Best” messaging and communication) at the Pacific Humanitarian Partnership (PHP) Meeting and Non-Government Disaster Relief Forum (NDRF) meeting in New Zealand.
- Began research on how “nudging science” can be utilised to better communicate on UBDs both in New Zealand and Australia.
- National rollout of communications and mesagings has begun, with a successful social media campaign by New Zealand Red Cross and updates on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) website. You can view more in the November UBD update here.
- Identified and met an Australian start up willing to support the development of the matching platform (pillar 2). The platform’s name will be MODER (Matching Of Donations in Emergency Response)
- Begun communications and coordination work with the private sector in Fiji, and undertook a presentation on donating effectively during emergencies at the November Fiji Business Disaster Resilience Council (FBDRC) Meeting. Logistic Cluster will work collaboratively with Fiji Business Disaster Resilience Council (FBDRC) on generating guidelines, based on data captured during the presentation. An article was also posted on the FBDRC to align with the presentation.
- The UBD communications strategy was presented at inter-cluster meeting in Suva, Fiji.
- Met with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva to discuss the coordination with ASYREC which is a custom system to control what’s coming in. The discussion was based on a common requirement in compiling a list of needs to be used both by customs and by the UBD matching platform.

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**Stockpile Mapping and Information Sharing**

- Two pilots with IFRC and NDRF are under way through a live platform. The existing stock reports from all New Zealand based agencies and all Red Cross National Societies were uploaded to facilitate their simple update. Feedback on the process is being collated.
- Discussions are still underway with Tonkin and Taylor (New Zealand based) to finalise the contractual arrangements to engage the further development of the platform.
- The Pacific Logistics Mapping (PALM) project is now serving as a driver for the global OCHA-led Emergency Supply Prepositioning Strategies (ESUPS) project and we are now part of the steering committee for this global initiative. The PALM project will be presented again as “best sharing practices” during the coming **HNPW 2018**.

**Training and Simulations**

- A tender to identify a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) required to implement the accredited delivery of the Pacific Emergency And Response Logistics (PEARL) training was conducted and a Pacific-Australian RTO is submitting a project scope for the delivery of the module.
- As part of our ongoing engagement in the North Pacific, a fourth Training Needs Assessment (TNA’s) was undertaken in Kiribati with the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and partners, including the Red Cross. A follow up emergency logistics training, Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) and strengthening emergency preparedness and response capacity through National Logistics Cluster development will be rolled out in Kiribati during Quarter 1 2018.
- A logistics training was delivered to the Palau National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) and partners.

**National Logistics Clusters Development**

- The first LCA done in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) is being reviewed before posting. It was done on the model of the Provincial LCA piloted in Vanuatu.
- The LCA in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has been initiated and will also been developed along the Provincial LCA model.
- WFP, through the support of RedR, is deploying a 6 months delegate to support the implementation of a National Logistics Cluster led by the FSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM).
- Initiated support to Solomon Islands (Logistics Functional Team) with first visit from WFP Logistics Cluster development officer to support the development of a work plan.
- Similar engagement triggered with NDMO Vanuatu as a follow up of the After Action Review (AAR) Ambae.
- Work plan has been devised with Samoa National Logistics Cluster for the next three months, including LCA updates, presentation of Logistics Cluster activities to Chamber of Commerce, and simulation.

As can be seen, several logistics projects have achieved significant progress throughout 2017 (Stockpile mapping, UBD, Coordination, Trainings and National Logistics Cluster development) mostly as a result of the regional Logistics Cluster member’s active engagement (thank you all), funding availability, and an agreed Logistics Cluster workplan.

The Standardization and the Common Storage projects could not progress due to a lack of funding.

An annual infographic on Pacific Logistics cluster activities is being prepared and will be circulated as a summary of what was achieved in 2017.

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