
Meeting Minutes, 10 July 2020

Pacific Regional Logistics Cluster, Fiji



LOCATION	Remote meeting
DATE	10 July 2020
CHAIR	Pacific Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Care International, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision International (WVI)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pacific Logistics Cluster (PLC) to provide partners with more information on upcoming flights to Tarawa and Port Moresby as details are being finalised.• Pacific Logistics Cluster to provide further support to UNFPA regarding customs clearance if required.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pacific Logistics Cluster update2. Updates from partners3. AOB

1. Pacific Logistics Cluster update

- The PLC cargo flight to Kiribati was postponed to tentatively the week of 20 July subject to government clearances. The route will still most likely be from Brisbane to Nadi to Tarawa with an overnight stop at Nauru on return. There is still cargo space available for PLC partners on the Nadi to Tarawa and Tarawa to Nauru legs.
- Clearance for another flight is also being requested to the Papua New Guinea air transport authorities to bring cargo consisting mostly of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Jack Ma Foundation into the country. More details on this Nadi to Port Moresby flight including availability of any extra cargo space will be shared by the PLC coordination with its partners by email as soon as the scheduling is confirmed.
- Commercial cargo flights throughout the Pacific region are available for some countries, but mostly operating only if there is enough cargo booked.
- The cluster encourages partners to continue to provide information on pipeline and cargo ready for distribution. A template has been provided and will be sent out again. Organisations do not have to use

the template provided if they have their own. Weights, volumes, estimated time of arrival and the distribution plan (which country the cargo is for) is important and useful. If you do not have that level of details, whatever you have is still helpful. This assists to inform the cluster's planning of its transport service provision.

2. Updates from partners

- DFAT is facilitating the next round of GeneXpert deliveries across the South Pacific via commercial routes and through an upcoming WFP flight.
- The Pacific Islands Health Officers' Association (PIHOA) will assist with the distribution of some UNICEF oxygen concentrators to Palau, FSM and RMI. According to UNICEF, commercial cargo flights are still operating in the North Pacific on a regular basis.
- The first orders for the Pacific via the WHO Supply Portal are expected in the next two weeks. These will be shipped from China to Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, RMI, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
- The next procurement period for the WHO Supply Portal is August to October. WHO will share more information on deadlines. Requests may be made through the designated supply coordinator Dominique Frankenne, WHO. Please contact the Logistics Cluster for email details.

3. AOB

- Participants flagged that customs clearances for humanitarian cargo can take time to obtain, impacting the speed of delivery. Some of the suggestions to mitigate the impact of this were:
 - Including a clause in your agreement with the relevant consignee which states that the consignee will be responsible for obtaining customs clearances.
 - Include in your agreement 'delivered duty paid'. Sometimes payment needs to be coordinated across a number of ministries, and this can be really challenging for the consignee. If this is covered, it can expedite the process.
 - If you have staff in country, ensure that they are prepared to provide support to this process.
- Passenger Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Pacific Humanitarian Air Service will be available on the cluster [webpage](#) soon. It is important to note that obtaining passenger travel clearances including permission to transit through countries is the responsibility of the organisations with personnel availing of these flights.
- Very few passenger flights are operating and are mostly repatriation flights. Australia and New Zealand have announced efforts to manage the amount of in-bound passengers and the necessary quarantine for these passengers. These will also impact the availability of passenger flights out of the region.

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