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# Meeting Minutes, 24 July 2020

Pacific Regional Logistics Cluster, Fiji



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Remote meeting
<b>DATE</b>	24 July 2020
<b>CHAIR</b>	Pacific Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), US Agency for International Development (USAID), World Food Programme (WFP) and World Vision International (WVI)
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pacific Logistics Cluster (PLC) to provide partners with more information on upcoming flights to Tarawa and Port Moresby as details are being finalised.</li><li>• PLC to monitor border status of Pacific countries.</li><li>• Cluster meetings to be scheduled every third Friday (frequency will be adjusted as necessary) at 1pm Suva time.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Updates from partners</li><li>2. Pacific Logistics Cluster updates</li></ol>

## 1. Updates from partners

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- Most agencies have completed their response work related to Tropical Cyclone Harold and are replenishing supplies ready for the next cyclone season that starts in November. Vanuatu is now moving into long-term recovery.
- COVID-19 supplies continue to flow into the Pacific with a number of agencies procuring supplies on behalf of their agencies and Pacific Island Governments. The PLC continues to request this information from partners to assist with the planning of service provision.
- MFAT is procuring Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits as a COVID-19 preparedness measure. The kits are expected to arrive beginning in August.
- DFAT is participating in the delivery of 96,000 GeneXpert cartridges contributed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), the New Zealand Government, the Australian Government, the Pacific Islands Health Officers Association (PIHOA) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- USAID is continuing to work through partners in the Pacific.

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## 2. Pacific Logistics Cluster update

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- The PLC cargo flight to Kiribati is pending government clearance. The cluster will share details once finalised.
- Another flight is also being scheduled to the Papua New Guinea (PNG) to bring cargo consisting mostly of PPEs from Nadi, Fiji into the country. No partners have indicated the need to transport other cargo there yet. Partners who have such a need may contact the cluster bilaterally. More details on this Nadi to Port Moresby flight will be shared as soon as the schedule is confirmed.
- The cluster has opened a transit warehouse in Nadi. It will be primarily to facilitate cargo coming from the WFP global service for distribution to other Pacific islands. It can be used for other cargo but not long-term storage or distribution within Fiji. The cluster will use the same service request form (SRF) for storage requests as partners have already started using for transport. The template and instructions are available on the [cluster website](#).
- The shipping industry continues to be subject to restrictions on crew changes in ports of call. Although there is a global effort by the International Maritime Organisation to have shipping crew considered as essential staff, country protocols, costs and limited access to flights and sea voyages still make crew changes challenging. Furthermore, the region has witnessed a reduced volume of sea freight as exemplified by the Fiji Ports Authority's figure showing the reduction of sea freight it handled in June to 11-15% as compared to last year. Regardless of this fact, the impacts on the shipping services across the Pacific due to these challenges have been minimal thus far.
- 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 partners do not have that level of detail, whatever they have is still helpful. This assists to inform the cluster's planning of its transport service provision.
- Tokelau has organised a repatriation voyage by sea for nationals coming from Samoa.
- French Polynesia has reopened its borders to US tourists. Guam has similarly reopened its border to tourists from a list of places considered low-risk including Australia and parts of the US. The cluster will continue to monitor this information.
- Cluster meetings will be scheduled every third Friday or more frequently as needed and at 1 pm Suva time.

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