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<b>LOCATION</b>	Remote meeting
<b>DATE</b>	14 August 2020
<b>CHAIR</b>	Pacific Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), USAID Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, World Food Programme (WFP) and World Health Organization (WHO)
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pacific Logistics Cluster (PLC) to provide partners with more information on upcoming Pacific Humanitarian Air Service flight to Tarawa, Kiribati, once cleared by Kiribati Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li><li>• PLC to continue to track increasing number of commercial flights becoming available in the region and will release aviation updates on a weekly basis beginning 27 August.</li><li>• PLC to assist UNICEF in finding cold storage service provider in Brisbane or Auckland.</li><li>• PLC to inform IFRC, UNICEF and other interested partners on cargo transport to Solomon Islands.</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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- WHO is distributing items ordered through the COVID-19 Supply Chain System to eleven Pacific Island Countries or Territories (PICTs) and supporting the distribution of 8 million surgical masks and 460,000 N95 masks donated by the Jack Ma Foundation. WHO sent large shipments of personal protective equipment (PPE) to Kiribati and Tonga during the week and will send another one to Tuvalu next week.
- USAID will submit a service request form (SRF) in relation to the upcoming Kiribati flight.
- UNICEF is moving USD 41,000 worth of PPE for Vanuatu from China via the upcoming WFP flight, and USD 81,000 worth of PPE for the Marshall Islands from Brisbane via sea. They will also receive an additional 200 cubic meters of PPE and 53 oxygen concentrators for various PICTs. Orders made using Phase 2 ADB

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funds have been finalised and are now in the pipeline. UNICEF is also still acting as WHO's importer-of-record for 2,000 GeneXpert cartridges per week. The batch this week is for the North PICTs. UNICEF imported under its name 860,000 Jack Ma surgical masks and 40,000 N95 masks for WHO to store and then distribute.

- MFAT is stockpiling PPE in Auckland for possible future need for it in any of the PICTs. In such cases, MFAT will coordinate with partners before moving out stock.
- UNFPA have PPE in transit with consignments due to arrive in Suva, Fiji from today through to 28 August and may explore WFP flights to PICTs in September for distribution. The PPE are to be distributed to eight PICTs.
- IFRC is interested to know if there are partners shipping cargo to the Solomon Islands who may share information on the means they use to guide IFRC's planning. UNICEF is shipping standard/regular (non-COVID-19) vaccines there via Brisbane but is currently looking for service providers with cold storage capacity for more than 48 hours in Brisbane or Auckland.

## 2. Pacific Logistics Cluster updates

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- The first Pacific Humanitarian Air Service flight flew on 6 August 2020 to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) to bring cargo consisting mostly of personal protective equipment (PPE) from Nadi, Fiji into the country. It was timely that the flight pushed through given current COVID-19 situation in PNG.
- The government clearance for the PLC cargo flight to Kiribati is still pending, and the flight was therefore postponed. The cluster will share new details once notified by the Kiribati Ministry of Foreign Affairs of approval. Those who submitted SRFs will also be asked to update them. New requests in relation to the Nadi-Tarawa leg will also be accepted. The planned itinerary is still the same: Brisbane-Nadi-Tarawa-Nauru-Brisbane. The final leg will possibly accept passengers. (Clearances were granted the day after this meeting.)
- The cluster's transit warehouse in Nadi is now fully set up. As announced in the previous cluster meeting, 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 transport in accepting storage requests. The template and instructions are available on the [cluster webpage](#).
- The cluster along with WHO and the Joint Incident Management Team (J-IMT) is keeping close watch on the escalation of COVID-19 cases in PNG.
- As far as shipping is concerned, the PNG lockdown will not interfere with seafreight services.

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- The Air Vanuatu repatriation flights originally planned to begin on 12 August and flying through Auckland, Brisbane and New Caledonia were momentarily postponed and then recommenced on 14 August. Government approvals for Vanuatu-bound passengers are required.
- More and more airlines are making an increasing number of flights available. The cluster is monitoring these and will include them in the regular aviation updates which will become weekly (released Thursdays along with the weekly shipping bulletin) beginning on the fourth week of August onwards with ad hoc announcements made as needed.
- On staffing, a new member of the cluster coordination team came on-board last week. Nicole Hahn will be supporting cargo tracking, information management and internal tracking systems as well.
- 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. Exact and accurate metric weights, volumes, estimated time of arrival and the distribution plan (which country the cargo is for) are 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.

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