
Meeting Minutes, 4 September 2020

Pacific Regional Logistics Cluster, Fiji



LOCATION	Remote meeting
DATE	4 September 2020
CHAIR	Pacific Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	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), USAID Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, World Food Programme (WFP), and World Health Organization (WHO)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pacific Logistics Cluster (PLC) to discuss with WHO support in moving medical equipment from Singapore into the Pacific region via Fiji.• PLC to assist in coordinating cargo requests for upcoming DFAT-funded Fiji-Tuvalu repatriation flights.• PLC to send out a cargo tracking reminder to partners.• PLC to share information on cargo quarantine measures at specific ports of entry upon request.• PLC to share fact sheet and booking information on Air Vanuatu outbound flights as well as related border protocols.• PLC to share Fiji's updated requirements for incoming passengers.• PLC to provide Pacific Logistics Mapping tool (PALM) orientation/user support to partners upon request.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. COVID-19 Pacific situation update2. Updates from partners3. Pacific Logistics Cluster updates

1. COVID-19 Pacific situation update

- No additional Pacific Island Countries or Territories (PICTs) reported new cases since the previous meeting. The PICTs with new cases are still Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Northern Marianas, and Papua New Guinea.

2. Updates from partners

DFAT

- DFAT is helping to distribute the WHO GeneXpert cartridges in the South Pacific and Papua New Guinea via regular shipments.
- DFAT continues to offer to include any humanitarian cargo bound for these destinations from partners in the above shipments.
- The Tuvalu Government requested the Australian Government to support some repatriation flights from Fiji to Tuvalu, the first one tentatively scheduled for 10 September 2020. Fiji Airways is operating the flight and will accept cargo requests as available space allows.

IFRC

- IFRC has non-food items (NFI) to replenish stocks for the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Vanuatu currently undergoing clearance. They are also sending PPEs to the Solomon Islands on a vessel leaving on the week of 7 September 2020. Surgical gowns and other medical items will be procured in Fiji and possibly included in this shipment. Lastly, IFRC intend to move some cargo to Tuvalu but are not seeing any available means of transport.

UNICEF

- UNICEF signed an agreement with the Pacific Island Health Officers' Association (PIHOA) for the latter to provide logistical support to UNICEF in the North Pacific, primarily Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau.
- UNICEF received 60 oxygen concentrators in Fiji and Honolulu three weeks ago. 23 of them will be transported for distribution in the Solomon Islands, 17 for Vanuatu and eight for Niue, Cooks Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu. Support from the Pacific Logistics Cluster may be requested for storage and distribution.

WFP

- Clearance for the flight to Kiribati was finally received following the last cluster meeting. The flight made possible by DFAT and USAID was conducted on 24 August 2020 transporting cargo (vaccines and COVID-19 supplies) and personnel from a number of partners to Nadi, Tarawa, Nauru and Brisbane.
- Charter flights to the following countries are being scheduled subject to approvals from concerned governments: Vanuatu, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Tonga. Flights will continue to be planned according to need rather than following a schedule.

WHO

- WHO is continuing distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) donated by the Jack Ma Foundation with support from the Pacific Logistics Cluster.

- WHO is working on moving 25 tonnes of medical equipment from Singapore into the Pacific region via air and sea freight depending on the urgency of needs in the destinations and the bulkiness of the items and will continue to work with the Pacific Logistics Cluster on options.

3. Pacific Logistics Cluster update

Common Services

- The cluster continues to track humanitarian cargo and encourages partners to continue to provide information on pipeline and cargo ready for distribution. This assists to inform the cluster's planning of its transport service provision as well as to tailor-fit information on services for each partner based on their specific needs. A detailed reminder with the template will be sent following this meeting. Organisations do not have to use the template provided if they have their own.
- The cluster uses the same service request form (SRF) for both storage and transport. The template and instructions are available on the [cluster webpage](#).
- Passenger standard operating procedures (SOPs) and forms are now available in the [cluster webpage](#) as well. Enquiries and expressions of interest in international passenger flights into, within and out of the Pacific region can be sent to the pacific.passengers@wfp.org.

Shipping

- The Nauru Port Authority has introduced a cargo handling fee called a "temporary COVID-19 levy" equivalent to the COVID-19 surcharge previously imposed by Neptune Pacific on goods entering Nauru.
- In relation to the above, two countries currently implement cargo quarantine measures: Tuvalu (three days) and Kiribati (five days if ship had not already been at sea for a minimum of five days since its last port).

Aviation

- Air Vanuatu flights out of Port Vila have finally commenced following finalisation of the Government protocols regarding immigration, quarantine and access to the flights. The cluster will share all related information with partners.
- Fiji has also updated their requirements for incoming passengers. The documents detailing these requirements will also be shared with partners by the Pacific Logistics Cluster..

PALM

- The PLC has a Pacific Logistics Mapping (PALM) tool that some partners use. The tool is currently being redeveloped towards the end of 2020 and early 2021 while supporting agencies to update their information as required in their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as in preparation for the coming cyclone season.

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