
LOCATION	Remote meeting
DATE	18 December 2020
CHAIR	Pacific Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Save the Children, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United States Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs (BHA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO) and World Vision
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pacific Logistics Cluster (PLC) to circulate information on Tropical Cyclone (TC) Yasa and TC Zazu as it comes and requests the same from partners.• PLC to forward more details on ad hoc transport services offered:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cargo flight from Brisbane to Nadi on 19 December being conducted by Fiji Airways and managed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Fiji;○ Private company sea vessel from Lautoka to Vanua Levu – information will be followed up and shared with partners.• Partners who have not done so are still encouraged to<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ fill the PLC User Feedback Survey closing today○ send contributions to the discussion led by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)’s Import and Customs Clearance Together (IMPACCT) project in relation to the challenges of humanitarian cargo imports and customs clearances.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Regional Situation Updates (COVID-19, cyclones, etc.)2. Updates from partners (preparedness and response activities)3. Pacific Logistics Cluster updates

1. Regional Situation Updates

COVID-19

Vanuatu has lifted the international and inter-island travel suspension imposed due to its first confirmed case of COVID-19 which occurred in a quarantine facility.

TC Zazu

Damage to the wharf was reported in Niue. No information on other impacts (damage and casualties) currently available.

TC Yasa

- The cyclone passed over central Vanua Levu in Fiji during the evening of 17 December (Suva time).

- The National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) regular situation reports have pinpointed a number of evacuation centers being opened, but information on impacts is coming through slowly.
- Nadi and Suva international airports are open and operational with Labasa and Rotuma airports expected to be operational by Saturday, 19 December 2020.
- PLC will continue monitoring the situation and encourages partners to share any updates they receive.
- A Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT) meeting will be held following this PLC coordination meeting to discuss possible response operations.

2. Updates from partners

Save the Children

- Save the Children is waiting for communications on damage to inform response planning as well as the Government of Fiji's request for international assistance.
- Meanwhile, their Fiji colleagues have reached out to main in-country suppliers regarding the current state of their prepositioned items.
- Offices in Vanuatu and Solomon Islands are also prepositioning for future cyclones.

World Vision

- World Vision Vanuatu's TC Harold projects are completed except for one that is wrapping up in May 2021. They are also beginning to implement their COVID-19 portfolio which includes the distribution of locally procured items.
- The office is also restocking prepositioned items (tarpaulins and jerry cans) in-country which has been delayed due to COVID-19 related production and transport slow-downs as well as internal issues.
- Stock in Brisbane is also being replenished, and shipment is expected to arrive in January 2021.

WHO

- WHO has 20 tonnes of medical supplies in Singapore to be shipped directly to the Pacific countries of destination expected to start on 21 December. However shipping lines are demanding surcharges of up to USD 1,000 per container.
- 12 Biomerieux Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) units and 16 mobile X-ray units will be delivered from Brisbane to their final destinations on the week of 25 December.

UNFPA

- UNFPA's emergency Reproductive Health Kits (RHK) are available in Fiji for distribution when needed. Quantities are being determined. Dignity Kits are in transit but will arrive in January 2021.

BHA

- The Fiji National Disaster Management Office has indicated that they will potentially need international assistance with the TC Yasa response. Emergency grant funding is being prepared while awaiting more information from authorities and partners.

MFAT

- No additional reports of significant damage due to TC Zazu from Niue and Tonga.

- Physical deployment to the TC Yasa-affected areas is not expected but relief supplies and funding are available for distribution from Auckland upon request and upon confirmation of the Government's call for international assistance.

UNICEF

- UNICEF is having a team call following this PLC coordination meeting to plan its TC Yasa response and the dispatch of prepositioned stock in Brisbane.
- UNICEF has tents from the Education Cluster in need of dispatch.
- For COVID-19, UNICEF has 20,000 GeneXpert cartridges within the day to be distributed by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) within the week of 25 December and is following up on the delivery of PPE and medical devices.

3. Pacific Logistics Cluster Updates

TC Yasa

- Without understanding the damage, it is difficult to assess any gaps in prepositioned supplies for response operations.
- PLC is reaching out to the Fiji National Logistics Cluster for any assistance it might need from the PLC.

Coordination

- The frequency of PLC coordination meetings may need to become more frequent due to TC Yasa response operations. The invite to the next one will be sent once scheduled.
- PLC has sent out to partners the Survey Monkey link to the User Feedback Survey as well as a follow-up for responses. Partners are still highly encouraged to fill it out if not yet.
- Partners are reminded to contribute perceived challenges and issues around the importation and customs clearance of humanitarian consignments in the Pacific and how they can be addressed on the operational and legislative levels for IFRC's Import and Customs Clearance Together (IMPACCT) project.

Common Services

- PLC is supporting on the following WFP flights:
 - Pacific Humanitarian Air Service cargo flight from Fiji to Micronesia (FSM), Marshall Islands (RMI) and Nauru was conducted on 14 December.
 - Other cargo flights scheduled for December were moved to January 2021 in consideration of TC Yasa response.
 - Global passenger service flight from Kuala Lumpur to Port Moresby to Nadi on 20-21 January 2021.

Commercial Transport Services

- Fiji Airways has made available some repatriation flights for Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Fiji for the rest of the year and into January 2021. More details are on its [travel alerts page](#).

- Fiji Airways is also offering cargo space on a flight from Brisbane to Nadi on 19 December for humanitarian items needing to be shipped. Cargo space may also be available on two upcoming flights from Sydney and Auckland. Details will be provided once available.

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