
LOCATION	Remote meeting
DATE	9 April 2021
CHAIR	Pacific Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) and World Food Programme (WFP)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners are requested to share ideas on need for and frequency of future Pacific Logistics Cluster coordination meetings.• Partners are requested to continue sharing any issues or challenges around transport, warehousing or distribution of relief items to better inform the PLC's support.• Partners are requested to continue sharing information on procurement and distribution plans over the coming months so that the PLC can tailor support and services as necessary.
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

- States of Emergency and/or border restrictions are in effect in American Samoa (until 18 April 2021), Samoa (until 9 May 2021), the Confederation of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (until 31 May 2021), Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (until 30 June 2021), Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu as well as Papua New Guinea.
- Quarantine-free travel arrangements exist between Niue and New Zealand; Palau and Taiwan; and Australia and New Zealand (starting on 19 April 2021).
- Resumption of regular international flights has been implemented in New Caledonia.

Commercial Transport Services Situation

- Due to reduced restrictions, more commercial flights are available in the region. At least 76 available passenger and/or cargo flights are serving 16 PICTs and PNG.
- Regular commercial shipping services remain operational albeit being backlogged and with elevated fees.

2. Updates from partners

UNICEF

- 96,000 doses of COVAX COVID-19 vaccines along with the allocated syringes and safety boxes have been delivered to Fiji, Solomon Islands, Nauru, Tonga, Tuvalu and Samoa. More shipments are expected in the coming weeks. With the exception of those that were delivered to the Solomon Islands which came from India, the majority of doses allocated for the Pacific are Astra Zeneca vaccines manufactured in South Korea and bottled in Europe.
- Three containers of prepositioned tents and educational supplies were received in the Brisbane warehouse.

UNFPA

- The Palau-bound cargo for COVID-19 response was eventually sent from Nadi via commercial service.
- The distribution of tents and dignity kits for Women-Friendly Spaces as part of the cyclone response and recovery operations in Vanua Levu, Fiji is ongoing.

WFP

- WFP conducts and/or updates Logistics Capacity Assessments (LCAs) for countries in the Pacific. With strict border closures and limited ability for travel for short-term missions, WFP is looking to identify suitable candidates already in country to carry out these assessments. Partners are invited to share their suggestions for any suitable human resources. Priority countries are Tuvalu, Tonga, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Solomon Islands. Discussions are ongoing with Tuvalu with regards to carrying out their first LCA.

3. Pacific Logistics Cluster Updates

Coordination

- Partners are asked to share thoughts and suggestions regarding the relevance and frequency of future coordination meetings. The current frequency is monthly.

Common Services

- Pacific Humanitarian Air Service
 - Conducted two flights to three destinations in March 2021:
 - from Nadi to Tonga on 16 March to transport 2,890 kg/23.6 m³ of humanitarian cargo.
 - from Nadi to Niue on 17 March to transport approximately 1,717 kg/14.3 m³ of humanitarian cargo.
 - from Niue to Cook Islands on 17 March to transport 908 kg/7.4 m³ of humanitarian cargo.
 - Additional passenger and cargo flights are planned in the coming months:
 - April – cargo/passenger to Kiribati
 - May – cargo/passenger to RMI

- Flights will continue to be organised where justifiable quantities of humanitarian cargo and/or personnel need transport, and commercial options are unavailable.
- The Nadi bonded warehouse is currently holding 15mt of stock on behalf of partners including COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) and test kits.

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