1. OPERATIONAL UPDATES

- According to media reports last week, government authorities begun food relief operations in parts of the Western Province. Stocks have been air transported from Mt Hagen to Kiunga to serve the North Fly District, and from Mt Hagen to Balimo and the Nomad River area for onward distribution to remote areas in the Middle Fly. Additional food supplies were expected to arrive via vessel from Port Moresby to serve villages in the Middle Fly region, as well as inland areas accessible by barge. Reports indicate the operation involves the movement of an estimated 40-50 mt of food supplies. Additional supplies totalling 59 mt were also reportedly distributed to remote locations in the Telefomin District, West Sepik (Sandaun) Province. *(Source: The National, Post Courier 25 Jan 2016)*

- NDOH, with support from WHO, has conducted a micro-planning exercise in the Highlands provinces, assessing healthcare facilities for water access needs in order to install Tuffa tanks and associated reticulation. The installation is contracted with Hardware Haus Mt Hagen. NDOH is currently organizing a similar assessment to the Western Province, to take place tentatively from the first week of February and for approximately 10 days.

- PNG Red Cross is currently focusing its El Nino-response operations in the Tambul Nebilyer District, Western Highlands Province (Cat. 5). Needs assessments were conducted in 19 of the most affected communities in Lower Kagul, from 19-30 Oct 2015. Food scarcity and lack of drinking water were identified as key priorities for relief operations.

- CARE PNG started an integrated intervention during the week of 25 Jan, in the following locations: Menyamya (Morobe Province), Gembogil (Simbu Province) and Henganofi (Eastern Highland Province - EHP). Household registration is nearing completion and distributions of WASH Non-Food Items (NFIs) – 2 x 10 litres jerry cans, 2 month supply of aquatabs and soap – will be carried out in the coming days. Starting from 08 Feb the intervention will shift to different Local Level Governments (LLGs): Menyamya and Lufa (EHP), Chuave and Gumine (Simbu Province).

- Teams from DFAT and WFP will be travelling to Kiunga, Western Province (WP) on Feb 03 to meet with members of the WP Inter-Agency Disaster Committee, and to identify logistics gaps and needs for the distribution of approximately 1,600 mt of food procured by the Ok Tedi Development Foundation to affected communities in the North, Middle and South Fly.

2. TRANSPORT

*Air*

- NDOH is planning to contract Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) to fly via Twin Otter or smaller planes to health facilities accessible by landing strips such as Nomad and Mougulu (Western Province). From these locations, NDOH and WHO staff are planning to use boats or to travel by foot to reach nearby areas. NDOH advises helicopters were explored as tentative last-mile transport but found to be cost-prohibitive (15,000 PGK for 1.5 hours).

*Road*
• PNG Red Cross is planning to transport 3,600 rigid water containers that can hold 15 litres of water to communities in the Lower Kagul area. PNG Red Cross advises communities living in this area can be reached by road.

• CARE PNG advises that where possible, it has been using local transporters for road movement to its intervention sites, as they have knowledge of their targeted areas. Mapai Transport Ltd. has provided transport and storage of jerry cans and soap from Lae to Goroka. Fly-in sites are on CARE's list but details have not yet been worked out.

**Sea/River**

• As of 28 Jan, following a week of good rainfall, the Western Province Fly River was reportedly holding over the 7 mt mark. As a result, OTDF informs its vessel Fly Warrior is expected to load and deliver 7 containers of food stock from Port Moresby on her next voyage up river to Kiunga. This stock movement is part of OTDF ongoing distribution plans for the province.

3. **STORAGE**

• CARE PNG notes that vaccines for the health component of their intervention in Morobe, Simbu and Eastern Highland Provinces are being sourced and stored as close to the sites as possible, which in some instances is a 3-4 hour drive, as the majority of the health facilities where teams are basing themselves do not have functioning fridges.

4. **CAPACITY AND NEEDS**

• NDOH and WHO are keen hear from organisations planning a trip to inland Western Province in the next two weeks, and who may want to combine resources and travel arrangements. The organisations also advise that as no cargo will be transported during their travels, there may be room for other partners to include a small amount of supplies on the aircraft they intend to charter from MAF.

• CARE PNG intends to work in fly-in sites in the Bulolo District, Morobe Province but has not found information of service providers.

• WVI is seeking trucking services support to transport items including jerry cans (total 5,000 units), water purification tablets (total 405,000 pieces) and drought tolerant seeds (total 640 bags), from warehouse facilities in Morobe, Madang, Hela and the highlands Provinces to target communities. The organisation is also looking at options to airfright boxes of aquatabs from Port Moresby to Lae. Distribution to target communities will be done alongside jerry cans distributions.

• WVI is also seeking support with identifying transport facilities to move portable flourmills (total 84 pieces) from Lae to Markham District (Morobe Province), Bogia District (Madang Province) and the Southern Highland and Hela Provinces, for onward distribution to the target communities.

• IOM advises it is seeking transport options to move 6000 water containers from Port Moresby to Enga, Jiwaka and Simbu Provinces (2000 water containers in each province).

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (A.O.B.)**

• The next Logistics Bulletin will be published on **15 Feb**. Organisations are kindly advised to send their logistics information via email to the WFP Inter-Agency Logistics Information Management Officer by **12 Feb**.

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