

LOCATION: Vanuatu

DATE: Sunday, 12 April 2015

Situation Overview

- On Friday 13 March, a Category 5 Cyclone named 'Pam', caused widespread, severe damage and loss of life throughout Vanuatu, particularly affecting the Central and Southern regions, as these areas experienced direct impact. The most impacted provinces include Shefa, Tafea, Malampa and Penama.
- The Vanuatu National Emergency Operating Centre (NEOC) / NDMO is managing the coordination of information gathering, initial response and planning for assessments.

Needs

- The previous need for sourcing locally skilled staff to manage the Port Vila Airport Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) has been cancelled due to closure of said MSU as of Sunday 12 April.

Response

- The Logistics Cluster meeting schedule has changed to once a week, on Tuesdays at 11am, in the UNICEF tent outside NDMO.
- Information on limitations and constraints at extended distribution and delivery points on the islands is being collected and consolidated by NDMO, and will be shared with the Logistics Cluster and the humanitarian community for comments later this week.
- The Eleven drums of fuel for the Provincial Disaster Committees (PDC) at Epi, Emae, Tongoa, Makira, Mataso, Buninga are still prepositioned at the Vanuatu Police dock and are due for departure this weekend by patrol boat.

Storage at Port Vila Airport & Star Wharf

- The common storage MSU at Bauerfield International Airport in Port Vila will be closed as of Sunday 12 April due to a reduced storage need. The wiikhall will be relocated to Star Wharf, and no longer be available for common storage.
- WFP is currently receiving quotations for printing waybills and storage release forms for NDMO. The new stock-control mechanisms will be implemented as soon as printing is complete.

Storage on Tanna Island

- The common storage MSU at the PDC is currently at 90% capacity containing WFP food and NFIs from: Care, WHO (medical supplies) and UNICEF (toolkits).
- The common storage MSU at Tanna Airport has been closed. The wiikhall is being moved to Lenakel Wharf but will be dedicated to food storage and no longer available for common storage.
- The PDC was supplied with 13 barrels of diesel by the ADF 2 days ago. Fuel is no longer an issue on Tanna and is available through normal retail channels.
- Discussions around a possible Port Resolution MSU are ongoing.

Sea transport

- Three ships (Frio Athens, Southern Moana, MV Isan) transporting government donations from China, New Caledonia and French Polynesia for the population in Vanuatu affected by the cyclone, are due to arrive soon in Port Vila.
- **Current shipping schedule¹:**

| Vessel | Date | Destination (ETA) | Activity/supplies |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|--|
| Auki (Solomon MPV) | 12.04.15 | PV | Available for tasking |
| Neiafu (Tonga MPV) | 12.04.15 | PV | Tasked for Food Cluster dispatches |
| Turoroe (police MPV) | 12.04.15 | PV | Available for tasking |
| Vanuatu Ferry | 11.04.15 | Tanna to PV (11.04) | |
| | 13.04.15 | PV to Lamap (14.04) | |
| | 14.04.15 | Lamap, Litzlitz, Santo | |
| | 15.04.15 | Santo to Litzlitz (15.04) | |
| | 15.04.15 | Litzlitz to PV (16.04) | |
| HMNZ Canterbury | 13.04.15 | PV to Shepherd Is. | |
| ISAN | 11.04.15 | PV (ex New Caledonia) | 43 cont. |
| Southern Moana (Voy268) | 12.04.15 | PV (ex Tahiti) | 6 cont. (Fr. Polynesia) (Food, clothes, meds) |
| Frio Athens | 13.04.15 | PV (ex China) | 58mt food, Corrugated iron, other NFI |
| Sarafenua | 14.04.15 | PV to Tanna (15.04) | Available for cargo |
| MT Melisa | 15.04.15 | PV to Pentacost (16.04) | Available for cargo (up to 460 MT) |
| Southern Mouna (Voy278) | 15.04.15 | PV (ex Fiji) | 8 cont. rice, 3 cont. noodles, 4 cont. tinned fish |
| SeaMercy - Chez nous | 13.04.15 | Aneityum (sailing vessel) | TBC |
| SeaMercy - Salsa | 13.04.15 | Aneityum (sailing vessel) | TBC |
| SeaMercy - Lil'Explorers | 13.04.15 | Aneityum (sailing vessel) | TBC |
| MSV Bob (Ge) | 15.04.15 | Tanna (int'l supply) | Unknown |
| Tokuro | 18.04.15 | Refloat at high tide | |
| Buffalo Nickel | 25.04.15 | PV | TBC |

Cont: Container, PV: Port Vila, MPV: Marine Patrol Vessel, TBC: To be confirmed, NC: New Caledonia

¹ The information included in the schedule has been compiled from a number of third party sources. Additional services may be operating, and schedules may be changed or cancelled without notice. The Logistics Cluster does not take responsibility for the services provided and organisations should consult relevant authorities or companies for further information. Live contact & schedule details are available [here](#) or in section [2.1 Vanuatu Port Assessment](#) of the Digital LCA)

Air transport

- Three Blackhawk helicopters will be available to assist the Logistics Cluster with cargo transport up to midday 15 April. Requests conforming to the current NDMO-set priority for Shelter will be given preference. Final date for submission of requests to vanuatu.cargo@logcluster.org is 5pm Monday 13 April.
- The Australian Defence Force (ADF) via Dept. of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) notified the Logistics Cluster that the ADF will commence withdrawing their equipment this weekend, through to the following weekend. As the flights from Australia (Amberley, Brisbane and Richmond, Sydney) to Port Vila will be empty, this space has been offered to the humanitarian community.
- The Civil-Military Joint Task Force will continue providing cargo transport to the humanitarian community using the Tonga, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu patrol boats, each with a carrying capacity of 5 mt.

Land transport

- The PDC is currently using one 5 mt and one 8 mt truck for distributions on Tanna, assisted by four ADF 5 mt Unimog trucks that will cease operations by 10 April. This will leave a need for four 5MT trucks in Tanna, which will be required for further distributions.
- Should the WVI-managed MSU at Port Resolution become operational, it will be supported by two 5mt WVI trucks.

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- Limited trucking capacity on Efate and Tanna remains a constraint. The PDC Tanna transport manager is sourcing backup options through truck repairs, local rental and possible utilisation of Public Works trucks.
- 200 pallets in Tanna are urgently required for use in the MSUs.
- Regular fresh water supply in North Tanna and the Shepherd Islands (Mataso, Tongariki, Puninga) remains problematic. The areas are covered temporarily by supply of water-purification tablets. The Logistics Cluster is exploring mid-term solutions until water systems can be repaired.

Contact Information

To subscribe to the Logistics Cluster mailing list, please go to lists.logcluster.org/mailman/listinfo/vanuatu.logs and follow the instructions in the “**Subscribing to Vanuatu.logs**” section.

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