The Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT) consists of humanitarian organizations working in the Pacific with the expertise and resources to support disaster preparedness and response in the region. The PHT members include the UN agencies, NGOs, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and other humanitarian agencies with the capacity to respond to disasters in accordance with the PHT Code of Conduct.

**PHT Coordination Pillars**

- **PHT Principals**
- **The Regional Inter-Cluster Coordination Group**
- **Cluster Support Teams**

**Cluster Support Teams**

- Nine teams across various sectors with a designated lead agencies.

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**Emergency Response Timeline**

In 2018, the region was faced with several emergencies that drew the attention of the international community.

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**Coordination**

**Achievements**

- PHT cluster collective deployments & support for TC GITA and specific cluster support for Ambae volcano response.
- Provided up-to-date information on the progress of relief activities undertaken with national authorities.
- PHT worked closely with partner governments to support nationally-led responses.
- PHT broadened its engagement with other humanitarian actors in the region to strengthen humanitarian responses.
- Co-hosted the first Regional Information Management Workshop for the Pacific.
- Support for National clusters in preparedness and response.

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**Shelter**

**Achievements**

- Revision of Country Preparedness Plan (Vanuatu)
- Preparedness support & capacity building (Tonga)
- Emergency Shelter Handbook (Fiji)
- Sub-national, emergency training (Solomon Islands)
- Collaboration with regional partners

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**2019 Priorities & Next Steps**

- Formation of shelter Technical Group for Tonga
- Kobo Toolbox training & multi-hazard contingency planning.
- Emergency shelter trainings (Solomon Islands)
- Shelter Handbook currently being developed for Fiji
# Cluster Support Teams

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| **Food Security** | • Food and livelihoods committee SOPs and TORs development support (Solomon Island & Vanuatu)  
• Needs Assessment tools for Vanuatu and Tonga  
• 72-hour tools and data analysis (Samoa) | • Trainings & workshops on disaster risk assessments  
• Evaluation of the Cluster approach to emergencies  
• Support to MoA in Fiji in establishing disaster risk management unit. |
| **WASH** | • Pacific WASH Emergencies Coordination  
• Pacific WASH Resilience Guideline (Fiji and Vanuatu)  
• Strengthened regional WASH partnership  
• Supported TC Gita cluster lessons learned | • Launch Pacific Emergencies Handbook and Pacific Resilience Guidelines  
• Scoping mission, integration of WASH resilience handbook into other sectors (Solomon Islands) |
| **Logistics** | • Online Pacific Logistics Mapping platform launched  
• IFRC & WFP capacity building agreed  
• Rollout dedicated national logistics work plans | • Support national clusters with preparedness tools  
• Common storage project  
• Logistics capacity assessment, Kobo Toolbox trainings |
| **Health & Nutrition** | • Cluster partners responded to at least eight emergency events human-induced, natural disasters, and infectious disease outbreaks under the leadership of health ministries and national authorities.  
• Support establishment of national Emergency Medical Team in Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. | • Establish Emergency Medical Teams (Regional)  
• Working with Protection cluster to mainstream IASC guidelines on gender-based violence in humanitarian action  
• Hazard mapping for PIC countries, including 4Ws, key contacts, and MOH/WHO resource mapping. |
| **Emergency Telecommunications** | • Support review of cluster Terms of Reference (Fiji)  
• Review & planning of national activities for 2019 (Tonga)  
• Evolution of the cluster and plan activities with NDMO (Samoa) | • Needs assessment for preparedness and response  
• Prepositioning equipment in the sub-regions  
• Planning emergency telecommunications plans for each country |
| **Early Recovery Network** | • Strengthened preparedness and planning mechanisms in seven countries  
• Post Disaster Needs Assessment, Disaster Relief Funds & early recovery trainings  
• Country Preparedness Plan (Cook Islands) | • Review of PDNA (Regional)  
• Support development of CPP  
• Activation of Crisis Communication Team  
• Community ER/recovery awareness Training in FSM to increase participation of community in ER planning. |
| **Protection** | • Developed PHPC annual work plan for 2018/19  
• New Regional Protection Cluster Coordinator  
• Supported coordination to national responses  
• Tropical Cyclone Gita support (Tonga)  
• Support for the Ambae Volcano (Vanuatu)  
• Supported development of GBV referral pathways | • Promote protection messaging that is aligned with global messages  
• Mainstream IASC Gender in Humanitarian Action Handbook Training across sectors  
• Supporting Fiji Safety and Protection Cluster  
• Integrating GBViE into national trainings |
| **Education** | • Support for the Ambae Volcano (Vanuatu)  
• Reviewed and the rapid assessment and training of MOET officers  
• Education in Emergencies (EiE) supplies provided (Ambae Volcano, Vanuatu & TC Gita, Tonga)  
• Support TC Gita cluster lessons learnt exercise (Tonga) | • Review training materials and education in emergencies policies  
• Develop school-based disaster risk reduction materials on education in emergencies (Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands) |