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| Subject: | Tropical Cyclone Harold |
| Situation Report | #7 |
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1. Highlights

a. Vanuatu

- An estimated 80 – 90 per cent of population in Sanma have lost their homes, while approximately 60 per cent of schools and 20 per cent of healthcare facilities have been damaged.
- There are concerns regarding the availability of safe water.
- All schools in Vanuatu are currently closed due to COVID-19 prevention measures, while many school buildings are used as evacuation centres.
- Informal feedback indicates that people have already begun to rebuild/repair houses.
- The Government of Vanuatu is currently conducting assessments.

b. Fiji

- As of 14 April, more than 1,541 people were sheltering in 52 evacuation centres in Central, Western and Eastern divisions.
- Suva is on lock-down preventing movement to fast track activities particularly around needs assessment.
- Restoration of water and power in affected areas is ongoing.
- Initial Damage Assessments completed in the Northern Division. Ongoing in Western, Eastern and Central Divisions. Cross sectoral teams preparing for Detailed Damage Assessment in the affected areas of the Eastern Division.
- First estimate by NDMO says that some 3,400 homes were impacted by TC Harold and the damage to be some FJD 10m. More precise numbers to follow in the coming days.

c. Solomon Islands

- A preliminary plan for TC Harold support estimates that some 59,000 people have been affected by TC Harold.
- Reports of widespread damage to food gardens and houses across four provinces including Honiara city as well as Guadalcanal, Makira and Rennell and Bellona.
- The NDMO are requesting SBD 885,000 (approx.. USD 107,000) from donors and partners to deploy teams to undertake further assessments in the provinces.

d. Tonga

- Damages to some houses in Tongatapu and 'Eua. Storm surge combined with high tide inundated coastal areas in Tongatapu and 'Eua and Ha'apai. Some damage to infrastructure in coastal areas.
- Most people have returned home from evacuation centres
- Inter-agency Initial Damage Assessment team led by NEMO has covered 1,700 households in Tongatapu and 889 in 'Eua.

2. Damage

a. Vanuatu

- Official assessments are underway, however, early remote analysis of the potential damage based on the experience of TC Pam and the cyclone path suggests that approximately 22,500HH are likely to have been damaged/destroyed by TC Harold.
- Initial reports suggest that the worst damaged places are: North Malekula, South Pentecost, and South Santo (around Luganville)
- In East Malo, 90 per cent of primary schools have been damaged and in West Malo a further 85 per cent have been damaged.
- Food crops have been seriously affected in Penama, Malampa and Sanma.

b. Fiji

- Initial Damage Assessments completed in the Northern Division. Ongoing in Western, Eastern and Central Divisions (NDMO sitrep 19)
- Cross sectoral teams preparing for Detailed Damage Assessment in the affected areas of the Eastern Division (NDMO sitrep 19)
- As of 14 April an estimated 3,411 houses are understood to have been damaged and destroyed.
- Major damage reported to school infrastructure and facilities, resources and materials in: Eastern Division/Eastern District. Limited damage to schools in Central, Northern and Western Divisions.

c. Solomon Islands

- Early figures indicate that 50 houses were destroyed and 18 damaged in Guadalcanal Province, five houses were damaged in Central Province, and in Makira province 10 houses were destroyed and three damaged.
- Initial reports indicate widespread damages to schools in four provinces. Reports suggest that roofs have blown off a number of classrooms with other buildings and water supply systems destroyed.
- While schools are currently closed as COVID-19 preventive measure, damage will hamper their ability to reopen as originally planned.

d. Tonga

- Preliminary indication is that water systems have been damaged. MoH Tonga to provide update on number of affected people and repair needs.
- 31 houses destroyed, 400 houses (around 10% of the total number of houses) have suffered some level of damage in Tongatapu and 'Eua. Damage caused primarily by the storm surge.

3. Needs

a. Vanuatu

Shelter

- Initial analysis shows that 22,500HH may be in need of emergency shelter assistance.
- Urgent delivery of humanitarian shelter supplies, which would depend on the availability of flights and cargo shipments to Vanuatu.
- Vanuatu had limited disaster relief supplies in-country prior to the cyclone, mostly pre-positioned by Vanuatu Red Cross.

WASH

- There is limited demand for hygiene kits; WASH cluster and GoV are seeking to prioritise more “appropriate” support/supplies, including cash.

b. Fiji

Shelter

- Emergency shelter and essential household items assistance, and safe shelter awareness for those with damaged and destroyed houses, including 600 tents, 2,300 tarps, 1,400 shelter tool kits, 4,500 sets of clothing, 20 chainsaw kits.

c. Solomon Islands

Shelter

- Emergency shelter and essential household items assistance are required, in addition to safe shelter awareness for those with damaged and destroyed houses.

d. Tonga

Shelter

- In Tongatapu, an estimated 754 households are in need of essential household items (including shelter related). Mostly bedding and kitchen supplies due to damage caused by inundation.
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4. Response

a. Vanuatu

Education

- MOET finalized the costing for the MOET TC Harold Response Plan.
- MOET provided final general orientation to its Impact Assessment Team before deployment tomorrow to Torba, Penama, Sanma and Shefa.
- MOET to set up TC Harold temporary office in Santo for one month.

WASH

- Rapid assessments 70% complete in Sanma with distribution of some supplies such as candles, collapsible water containers and WASK Kits.

b. Fiji

Protection

- UN Women and UNICEF are providing coordination support to the Safety and Protection Cluster, which is meeting weekly. The cluster is compiling 5Ws to identify gaps and needs.
- UNICEF has provided technical assistance to MWCPA Child Support Unit on inclusion of Child Protection Rapid Assessment questions in TC Harold Assessment for Kadavu, Lau, Western Division and other affected areas.

Shelter

- Shelter Cluster coordination team updating list of emergency shelter stocks available in country.
- Fiji Red Cross Society Emergency Plan of Action developed, targeting 1,350 households across affected provinces with emergency shelter and essential household items assistance (tarpaulins, shelter tool kits, solar lamps, kitchen sets, clothing and blankets), as well as awareness on how to use the kit. This will be provided together with health promotion and WASH assistance, all within the current FRCS response to COVID-19.

WASH

- As of 12 April, 115 WASH kits and supplies have been distributed in Korovou area, benefitting 526 people. The WASH kits were distributed along with soap, water purification tabs and disinfectant. A further 1,500 kits are due to be distributed in Kadavu, Southern Lau and Moala.
- UNICEF has shared CP resources (colouring books, story books, etc.) to MWCPA CSU, and MOH pediatric partners; these items will be printed and disseminated once printers have been identified.
- UNICEF, in collaboration with UNWOMEN and UNFPA, will host final technical review for the Online (recorded) GBV & CP Training (90 mins) for Helpline Responders (TC Harold response/recovery and COVID-19) and for non-GBV & CP actors e.g. Red Cross, iTaukei, FBOs, Community Leaders this week.

c. Solomon Islands

Shelter

- Solomon Islands Red Cross Society has developed a Plan of Action to support up to 300 households with emergency shelter and essential household items assistance in Honiara town eastern boundary areas and west Guadalcanal.
- Solomon Islands Alliance of Humanitarian NGOs (SIAHN) has extended support on assessment and provision of non food items including some which are pre-positioned.

d. Tonga

Protection

- UNICEF has shared CPIE toolkit and rapid assessment form with Ministry of Internal Affairs for onward use.
- UNICEF is offering technical assistance for the development of PSS/PFA for TC Harold (to affected populations) and COVID-19 (national) response.

Shelter

- NEMO (Shelter Cluster Lead) has provided 4 tents and 12 solar lights to affected households. Relief team arrived on 'Eua on 13/04/2020 with small supply of solar lamps, tents and chainsaws.
- NEMO, Tonga Red Cross Society, Caritas, Tonga National Youth Congress is providing immediate relief to households with damaged houses based on their specific needs.

5. Gaps

a. Vanuatu

WASH

- MoET have requested 60,000 pieces of soap from UNICEF. UNICEF expecting additional requests for handwashing supplies and general WinS support.
- UNICEF trying to source additional supplies in from Brisbane including; 12 rolls 50m tarpaulin, 360 WASH & dignity kits (1/HH; 1,800 people), 800 buckets w/ lid & tap (allocation TBC), and four tents.

Shelter

- Approximately 16,000 tarpaulins are in-country or in the pipeline, leaving a gap of shelter items for approximately 6,500 households. This figure may change in the coming days as the cluster gets a clearer picture based on incoming assessment data and agency response plans. The estimate of relief items available does not, so far, include government-to-government assistance (China, EU, France), private sector assistance, or church-based assistance.

b. Fiji

Education

- Well coordinated mechanism for clusters to mobilize and provide information data and support.
- Information management support to MEHA.

c. Solomon Islands

Education

- Standard data assessment tool, and collection/analysis plan to get timely information.
- Well coordinated mechanism for clusters to mobilize and provide information data and support, including support to NDMO for coordination of clusters and multi-sector response.

WASH

- Request for WASH Kits had come through from NDMO for areas that were affected by TC Harold. Some of the affected areas include: Alligator Creek, Henderson, Lunga, NZ Camp, Fishing village and Contingency.
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6. Donor Activities

- On 13 April, a flight bound from Nouméa (New Caledonia) to Nadi, Fiji brought in 100 shelter kits donated by France.
- On 13 April, a DFAT flight from Australia arrived in Port Vila, Vanuatu, and delivered an unspecified amount of DFAT relief material and items from UNFPA. 37 Australian citizens were repatriated on the return flight back to Australia.

7. Funding

- On 13 April, the UN Humanitarian Chief Mark Lowcock announce the release of USD 2.5m from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to et lifesaving aid to thousands of people affected by TC Harold in Vanuatu. These funds will enable UN agencies and humanitarian organisations to get safe drinking water, food, shelter, and healthcare where they are most needed. It will also support local and international logistics to enable the distribution of aid supplies.