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Urgent Needs:

- Rebuilding and rehabilitation of the MLFFB's extension services which have been disrupted by the cyclone
- Fishing gear (boats, nets etc)
- Food assistance for boarding schools
- Animal welfare support (animal feed, water, shelter)

Response (high priority actions)

- International procurement of non-perishable emergency food stocks is complete for the next push of food. The distribution plan for the second push of food assistance has been developed, with dispatch of food to priority one areas scheduled to commence this week.
- The key messages for receiving beneficiaries have been published today, outlining what to expect during the distribution process.
- First push food distribution fully complete:
SHEFA: Shepherds islands (4,400 people), Efate Offshore (3,100 people), Efate rural (6,800 people), Epi (7,600 people)
TAFEA: Aneityum, Aniwa, Futuna, and Erromango (4,400 people)
MALAMPA: Paama (3,600 people), (Ambrym, 1,500 households)
TORBA: (Mere Lava; 100 households)
- Food distribution close to completion:
EFATE: Port Vila urban and peri-urban (18,500 households)
- Food distribution underway:
PENAMA: (Pentecost, Maewo; 4,800 households), TAFEA (Tanna)



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- Dispatch and Distribution of High Energy Biscuits (HEB) to approximately 38,000 people in 9 priority islands with water shortages in Shefa and Tafea province; including dispatch of 31MT of HEB in Tanna
- Seed packages for priority one areas have been prepared for distribution this week.
- Cutting materials for 2,000 households (kumula, manioc and island cabbage) have been transported from Santo and distributed in Efate, and the Shepherd Islands. Kumula cuttings have also been dispatched to Tanna for distribution.
- The provision of day-old chickens and sufficient feed to raise them to 6 weeks of age has been completed on Pele, with the 30 households received 10 chickens each. If this trial is successful, it will be extended to other communities to provide an additional source of protein to households while their food sources are being re-established.
- Transport of surplus fresh produce from less impacted islands including Fiji taro, island taro, cassava, kumula, yams, and is being evaluated for fishing by-catch. Fresh produce arrived in Port Vila on 2 April for sale at local markets.
- Assessment of fisheries damage and of fish preservation and fishing facilities complete
- Assessments on plant diseases and animal welfare on Epi is completed, identifying the need for water, shelter and animal feed.
- First draft of medium and long term recovery strategy (forestry, fishery, agriculture) has been prepared and shared for feedback

Gaps & Constraints (beneficiary needs)

- Reliable statistics on number of households at the Area Council and village level. Detailed population counts are currently underway for Tanna and Efate
- Detailed information by island and Area Council regarding delivery points for distribution and the population supported by these delivery points.