



PNG Earthquake Response Logistics Situation Update (16 April 2018)

01. LOGISTICS OPERATIONAL UPDATES

- Australian Defence Force (ADF) C-130J was available until 15 April. After the departure of ADF C-130J on 16 April, out of the submitted Request for Assistance (RFA), over 70 MT of WFP and IFRC food and non-food items still require air assistance from Port Moresby to Moro and Mt. Hagen and from Mt. Hagen to Moro.
- New Zealand is also considering to partner with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) to provide a subsidised flight service in which aid agencies can access, through a booking request system, cargo space with a 50% cost reduction. Funding decisions are due this week, and New Zealand will be able to confirm the outcome at next week's meeting.
- Oil Search Limited (OSL) has granted the use of their Moro facility as a logistics hub for operations to the earthquake affected areas that are only accessible via helicopter. OSL wrote to the Office of the Emergency Controller outlining the scope of their support. A WFP Logistics Officer has been deployed to Moro base as the focal point for coordination in support of the Logistics Working Group.
- While many access roads are being re-established, last-mile transport to locations only reachable via helicopter continues to be a major constraint for the response. The Logistics Working Group is working on identifying commercial options to ensure that remote communities can be reached, however it needs the cooperation of the cluster leads to identify those communities.

AIR TRANSPORT

- MAF is fully tasked this week, to assist with flights.
- MAF has secured funding and is able to assist with transporting 7 tonnes of relief items into fly-in sites only on a first come/first serve basis. This will be provided in no cost basis to the organisations.



- WFP is in process of contracting air assets for its food operations to reach the remote communities from Mt. Hagen and Moro. The unutilized space will be made available to the humanitarian community on a cost recovery. However, this will only be considered based on consolidated cargo, total tonnage and distribution plans, all of which must be submitted via the Logistics Working Group and the established Request for Assistance (RFA) forms and procedures.

LAND TRANSPORT

- Local transporters are available to move the cargo from Lae port to Mt. Hagen and Mendi. Security measures need to be taken for the movement of cargo from Mt. Hagen to Mendi. PNGDF is available to escort the cargo. Planning needs to be done in advance with PNGDF as they are overstretched.
- PNGDF truck assets have been requested by the Office of the Controller for use in the response around Hela and SHL.

SEA AND RIVER TRANSPORT

- Lae's port is fully functional, with a yard for storage, and it is the recommended port of arrival for humanitarian cargo. The road connecting Lae to Mt Hagen and Mendi is currently passable.
- Commercial shipping lines are available to ship the cargo from Port Moresby to Lae Port.
- Options for river / barge movement via the Kikori river, and from Port Moresby to Lae, are also being considered as an additional transportation options for goods bound to earthquake-affected areas and between major entry point of arrivals for humanitarian cargo.

STORAGE

- The IPI Warehouse has limited space available and is not suitable for all type of cargo. The facility has floor area for non-food items and containers are recommended for food items and other perishable commodities.



- In Port Moresby, the PNG Defence Force (PNGDF) has common storage available at their hanger (AST) at POM Jackson's Airport. Additional space has been granted at the PNGDF Murray Barracks. Storage at these locations must be requested via Request for Assistance (more information below). Items will be stored for a maximum of 30 days.

ACCESS CONSTRAINTS

- Access Constraints Map has been published (21 March 2018) and can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/yd5ykvkt>. Below a summary of access constraints:

Airport/Airstrips

- **Southern Highlands Province:** Moro, Mendi, Bosave, Munuma Station, Fogomaiu are operational. Huya is only open to helicopters.
- **Hela Province:** Tari operational; Komo only open to helicopters
- **Western Highlands Province:** Mt Hagen Kagamuga airport is operational.
- **Western Province:** Dodomona and Mogalu are operational

Roads

- Hagen to Tari - Open
- Mendi to Moro - Closed
- Traffic congestion along the main roads from Hagen to Mendi and Mendi to Tari, due to influx of vehicles to affected areas.
- The road from Nipa to Magarima and onward to Tari and Komo is accessible to land cruisers, coaster buses (25 seaters) and 12-wheeler trucks.
- The Toma / Paua to Tubage road is currently closed. This road is critical for access to the quake affected villages of Homa, Paua, Baguale and Kekero.



02. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND HUMANITARIAN CARGO INFORMATION MATRIX

- Request for Assistance (RFA) to request the use of available in-kind military/commercial assets for the earthquake humanitarian response are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/y8qqld8h>. RFAs are received and logged by the logistics coordination team, and tasks considered and validated by military/private sector focal points. Complete forms should be sent to: png.earthquake.rfa@gmail.com
- Between 22 March and 13 April 2018, the Logistics Working Group received a total of 17 RFAs, for the transport and storage of some 226 MT of food and non-food items, from a total of 8 organisations, agencies and other actors. Of these 4 have been completed, 9 are in progress, and 4 are pending.
- At the request of the National Disaster Centre and Office of the Emergency Controller a Humanitarian Cargo Information Matrix has been developed to ensure visibility of planned cargo; to avoid overlaps and identify gaps and bottlenecks. The matrix is being populated by humanitarian responders with the support of the Logistics Working Group, and can be viewed at: <https://tinyurl.com/ybf624a7>

03. COORDINATION

- The Government has established two Forward Operating Bases (FOBs), one in Mt Hagen led by the Western Highlands Provincial Disaster Coordinator, and one in Moro is led by the Provincial Administrator. The Government has further established Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs) in the capitals of Hela and Southern Highlands provinces, Tari and Mendi respectively. Provincial Administrators have assumed leadership in coordinating provincial responses.
- A Logistics Coordinator and two Information Management Officers based in POM, are supporting the National Disaster Centre and the Office of the Emergency Controller with logistics coordination, technical assistance and information sharing. They can be reached at: png.earthquake.rfa@gmail.com



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- Weekly Logistics Working Group Coordination Meetings are being held on rotation at different locations in POM. Information on future meetings, meeting minutes and IM products can be found on the Humanitarian Info website at: <https://tinyurl.com/y9jme7mq>

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