

Countries: Samoa, Tonga, Fiji

Crisis: Tropical Cyclone Gita

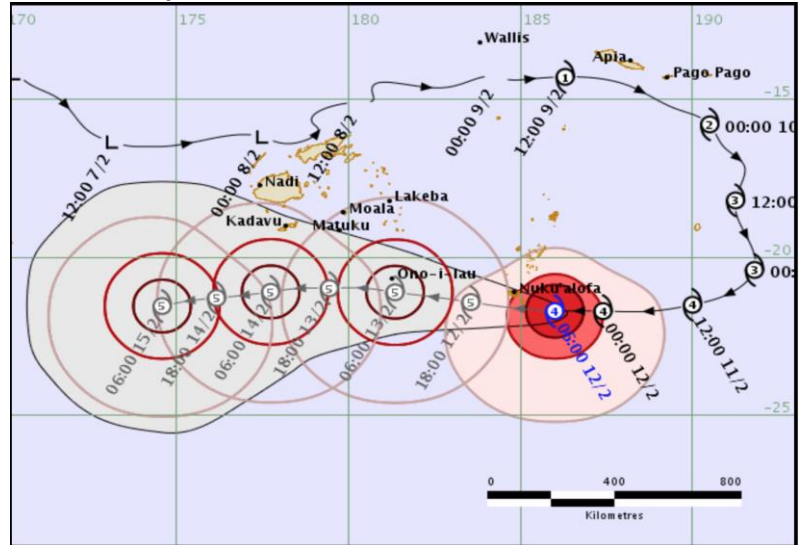
Covering period: 13- 18 February 2018

Crisis Location: Apia (Samoa),
Tongatapu and 'Eua (Tonga), Lau (Fiji)

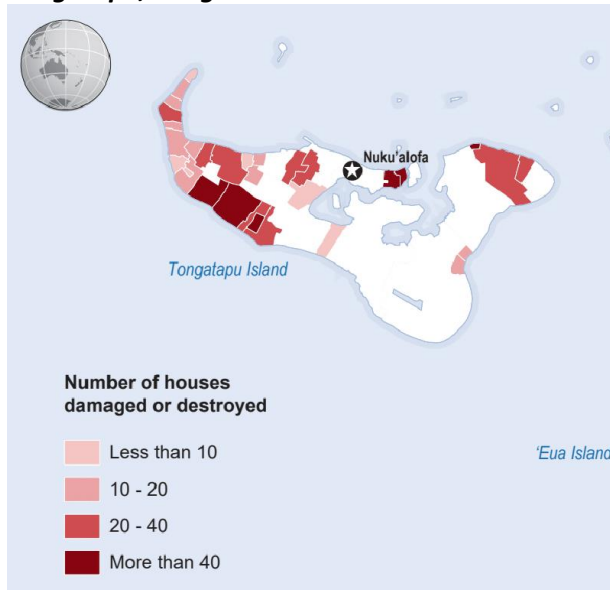
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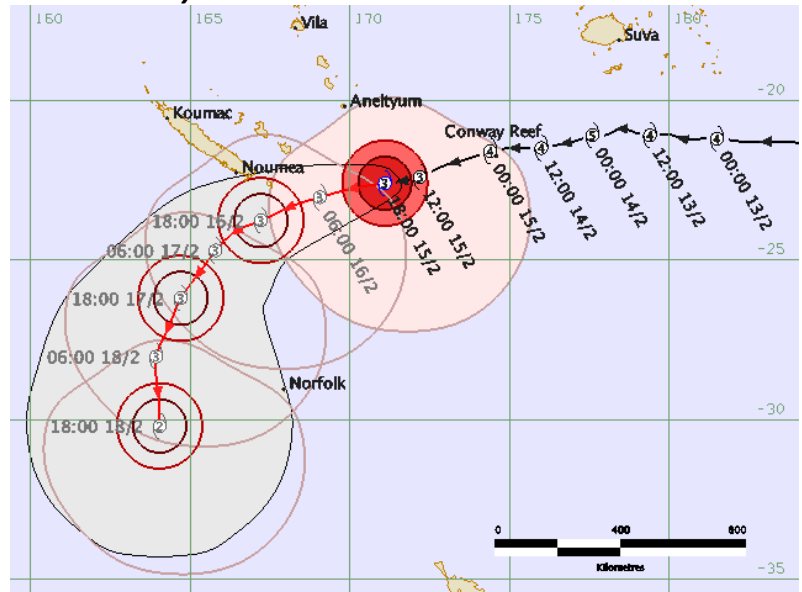
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Tongatapu, Tonga



14-18 February



1 **Situation overview**

Tropical Depression (TD07) was named as Tropical Cyclone Gita on 10 February 2018. TC Gita started as a Cat 1 near Wallis and Futuna, passed through Samoa as a Cat 2 on 10 February, Niue on 11 February, Tonga as a Cat 4 on 12 February and the Southern Lau group of Fiji as Cat 4 on February 13. Significant damages have been reported in Samoa, Tonga and Fiji due to storm surges, flooding and damaging gale force winds. The storm is the worst to hit Tonga in 60 years with widespread destruction of buildings and disruption of water and electricity.

SAMOA:

TC Gita passed just south of Samoa as a Cat 2 on 10 February and heavy rainfall led to severe flooding across the country.

The Prime Minister of Samoa made a Declaration of Disaster on 11 February and the National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC) in Samoa has been coordinating the response. 260 IDP's who were initially evacuated in ADRA Evacuation Centers have all returned to their homes and all EC's since closed. The estimated number of WRA is 9,338 and 787 pregnant women. This will be the last Sitrep covering Samoa.

TONGA:

TC Gita passed through Tonga as Cat 4 on 12 February just south of the low-lying Tongatapu island group where the country's most populous island, Tongatapu Island with the capital city Nuku'alofa, and Eua Island are located. The acting Prime Minister of Tonga declared a State of Emergency on 12 February and the area has been devastated with winds of 230km/h flattening parts of Parliament House and causing severe damage and injuries across the kingdom.

The National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) is coordinating the response and has conducted initial needs assessment, estimating that approximately 70% of the population has been impacted. Emergency response teams are struggling to assess damage around Nuku'alofa and the islands due to the debris and downed power lines. At least 80% of electricity network has been damaged, causing power and water shortages in the city. The Vaiola Hospital sustained damages, but power to the hospital has been restored as a priority and is fully operational and well staffed with 59 doctors turning up for duty in addition to nursing staff.

It is estimated that a total of 79,556 people were affected by Tropical Cyclone Gita, with an estimated 4,500 people displaced in evacuation centers, of which at least 45% will need support in water, 25% will need support in sanitation, 100% will require ongoing health and hygiene messaging, as well continuous health services, from primary to secondary health care.

Affected population:

- 1 confirmed death (72 yo male)
- 3 major injury cases admitted to the hospital
- 79,556 people affected
- 4,500 people evacuated
- 108 evacuation centers
- 960 houses damaged
- 95 houses destroyed

NEMO and the Tonga Red Cross have started initial assessments. There is a lack of disaggregated data both in the community and in the EC's, with primary focus of the assessments on infrastructure damage. There is also a lack of data on affected people with disabilities. No assessments have been done in Eua Island yet. Ministry of Internal Affairs conducted a rapid protection analysis using assessment template from the Regional humanitarian protection cluster. Preliminary reports indicate lack of lighting and torches for women in the EC's, and some bathrooms not having locks. WASH assessments have covered 75% of Tongatapu. Reports reveal a ratio of 80 people:2 bathrooms in some EC's.

Hygiene kit and NFI distribution started by Red Cross; data on distribution efforts will be shared.

Ministry of Health RH unit reports that 90% of RH nurses back to work. Only 1 RH clinic non-functional due to damage. There are ample supplies of vaccines for children and pregnant women. Among FP commodities, there may be a shortage of ECP's (to be clarified).

14 February:

- Ministry of Health through the Health and WASH cluster requested assistance to UN agencies for public health, SRH and WASH related support.
- Ministry of Finance and National Planning requested assistance to the UN agencies for deployment of staff and supplies, through coordination by OCHA

17 February:

- UNICEF staff deployed to Tonga for WASH field assessments
- The Resident Coordinator, OCHA team and two UNFPA PSRO staff deployed to Tonga
- Electricity has been partially restored to some areas, and the communities have removed most debris from the roads.

Fiji:

TC Gita hit the Southern Lau group as Cat 4 on 13 February, with most of the damages reported in sparsely populated Vatoa and Ono-i-Lau. No casualties have been reported. NDMO is leading the response, MOH is providing medical assistance, the Fiji Red Cross is distributing NFI's, and the Food Security cluster is providing 1 month supply of food rations. The Australian Defense Force is conducting aerial survey assessments.

14 Feb:

- 9 EC's in Vatoa and Ono-i-Lau remain active while communities continue clean up of homes & surroundings
- Many houses fully destroyed and/or partly damaged
- Vegetation and root crops fully destroyed in many areas
- Fiji Health & Nutrition Cluster was activated
- UNFPA requested to provide 150 dignity kits

18 Feb:

- Assessment team & relief supplies will depart by boat, including 150 dignity kits from UNFPA's prepositioned supplies in Fiji.

2 Tonga and Fiji: Humanitarian Needs (Population/ Vulnerable Population/ Displaced Population)

TONGA:

(Source: Tonga National Population and Housing Census 2016)

NEMO and the Tonga Red Cross are still conducting assessments in Tongatapu. There is a lack of disaggregated data both in the community and in the EC's, and no data yet on people with disabilities who were affected. No assessment has been conducted in Eua yet.

		Tonga	Tongatapu	Eua
Population	Male	50,255	37,135	2,486
	Female	50,396	37,476	2,459
	Total persons	100,651	74,611	4,945
Household	Private household	18,005	12,953	1,179

	Living in institution	193	143	14
	Total households	18,198	13,096	1,193
Youth 15-24yo	Female	9,181	7,019	399
Working age 15-59yo	Female	28,117	21,219	1,295
Population with disability (%)	Female	10.5%	10.2%	9.9%

MISP calculation based on Census population of Tongatapu Island:

- Total population: 74,611
- Number of WRA: 18,653
- Number of pregnant women: 1,572
- Number of pregnant women who will need access to a functioning health center for delivery for potential obstetric complications in 1 month: 24

MISP calculation based on Census population of Eua Island:

- Total population: 4,945
- Number of WRA: 1,236

MISP calculation based on number of reported evacuees in EC's in Tongatapu:

- Total EC population: 4,500
- Number of WRA: 1,125
- Number of pregnant women: 95
- Number of pregnant women who will need access to a functioning health center for delivery for potential obstetric complications in 1 month: 1

FJI:

MISP calculation based on Census population of Ono-i-Lau and Vatoa:

- Total population: 627
- Number of WRA: 157
- Number of pregnant women: 13
- Number of pregnant women who will need access to a functioning health center for delivery for potential obstetric complications in 1 month: 0

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Government, UN and other Stakeholders' response

1) Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT) - chaired by the two Resident Coordinators (Fiji and Samoa based)

- A list of UN agency preparedness efforts and response capacity including prepositioned stock was compiled and shared with the Government of Tonga. List included names of potential first deployment staff from each agency to support the government's response. Government has asked for select deployment given limited accommodation with adequate water and electricity.

- In response to the Government of Tonga's request for international assistance, the RC from Fiji was deployed to Tonga for coordination support

a. OCHA

- ROAP and Pacific office staff deployed with the RC to provide coordination support to Tonga NEMO

b. UN Women

- Ministry of Internal Affairs has requested UNFPA and UNW assistance for the Safety and Protection cluster. 3 UNW staff will be arriving on 19-20 February.
- UNFPA/UNW will co-lead support to above cluster on strengthening GBV response.

c. UNICEF

- WASH: prepositioned WASH supplies on standby. 2 staff deployed to Tonga to support WASH field assessments and cluster, 1 staff from NZ for Communications. Will support Oxfam NZ in vector control and waste management.
- Education: Damaged schools have not been assessed. Schools remain closed in the affected areas.
- Health: Dispatched 80,000 aqua tabs with a list of vector control and supplies, given Dengue risk in Tonga.

d. WHO

- 2 staff deployed to support Health and WASH assessment and needs
- Dengue and influenza outbreak surveillance
- Vector control efforts (sprays and nets)
- Liaising with Tonga Digicel to disseminate public health messaging to the community

See UNFPA role under section 4 below.

2) IFRC

- Shelter support being provided by IFRC and Red Cross national societies in Samoa, Tonga and Fiji for initial damage assessment and distribution of relief supplies.

3) Samoa Government:

- UNFPA officer in Samoa attended the National Disaster Advisory Committee meeting.
- Samoa Red Cross continues to conduct initial damage assessment in conjunction with the relevant response ministries. Samoa Red Cross put forward an immediate need for 1,000 hygiene kits.
- UNFPA has 500 prepositioned dignity kits.
- WHO in Samoa will dispatch aquatabs.
- NEMO have prepositioned relief supplies of NFI's.
- RC has advised that the UN will provide funds for aerial surveillance.
- Samoa has a list of supplies available from the UN and will request as needed.

4) Tonga Government:

- NEMO is coordinating overall response, and has requested for UN agencies to support cluster activities with critical staff.
- 9 national clusters have been activated (Shelter, Education, Health Nutrition and WASH, Food Security and Livelihood, Safety and Protection, Telecommunication, Essential Services (mainly electricity), Early recovery and logistics, Economic and Social Recovery). Some clusters are very active (Health and WASH), while others have not met yet (Education).
- Ministry of Finance and National Planning has requested for clear coordination of missions and support.
- National cluster activities have been delayed due to cluster members attending to their personal needs at home from cyclone aftermath.
- NEMO and the Tonga Red Cross have been conducting initial damage assessments in Tongatapu.

5) Fiji Government:

- NDMO has been coordinating response with a focus on Ono I Lau and Vatoa islands.
- Government will deploy a response team for initial damage assessment, and the Australian Defense Force will support aerial surveillance.
- Government sent a private charter to Tonga to provide tents and shelter kits on 13 February.

6) New Zealand Government:

Tonga

- Tents, emergency hygiene kits, cooking utensils, and mother & infant kits (MIK).
- Aerial surveillance has been conducted to assess infrastructure damage.
- Electricity restoration

	<p>Samoa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sent stock of prepositioned supplies (600 water purification tablets, 15 large WASH and Dignity kits to cover 75 families, 240 tarpaulins, 2 collapsible water tanks of 1500 liters) <p>7) <u>Australian Government:</u></p> <p>Tonga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dispatched relief supplies by plane with 280 hygiene and family kits each for a household of 5, bed nets, aquatabs, shelter kits and solar lamps. - UNFPA supplies pre-positioned in Brisbane (2 tents and RH kits of clean delivery kits) were transported free of charge on 16 Feb. - Small number of humanitarian/medical personnel and ADF Defense engineers deployed. 																								
4	<p><u>UNFPA Role: Sexual and Reproductive Health and GBV</u></p> <p>1) Supplies</p> <p>Under the DFAT/APRO regional prepositioning initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two 42m² tents, 1 set each of RH Kit 2A (4 boxes of individual clean delivery kit) and RH Kit 2B (1 box of birth attendant kit) were airlifted to Tonga on ADF plane on 16 February - 2,000 Pacific dignity kits in the DFAT Brisbane warehouse available. Likely to be dispatched on ADF plane on 19 or 20 Feb. - 1,200 Pacific dignity kits en route to Fiji and can be diverted to Tonga (awaiting request) - 150 Pacific dignity kits were dispatched to Lau through the Fiji Health cluster - Additional RH kits in Suva warehouse available for Fiji or Tonga responses (see below) - Tonga warehouse: 40 foot container in Medical warehouse provided by MOH for storage <p>Available RH kits in the Suva warehouse:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>KIT 2A</td> <td>Clean delivery Kit (individual use)</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KIT 2B</td> <td>Clean delivery Kit (birth attendance use)</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KIT 3</td> <td>Post Rape Treatment</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KIT 8</td> <td>Management of Miscarriage</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KIT 9</td> <td>Surgical kit</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KIT 5</td> <td>Treatment of sexually transmitted diseases</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KIT 6A/6B</td> <td>Clinical Delivery Assistance</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KIT10B</td> <td>Vacuum Extractor</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions with SRH stakeholders revealed both a need and request for dignity kit provision for WRA. Although disaggregated data is not available, MISP calculations of EC population plus Eua population indicate total WRA population of 2,361. MOH request to be obtained on 19 Feb for 2,000 dignity kits to be dispatched from the Brisbane warehouse following DFAT approval. <p>2) SRH activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNFPA will support Tonga Family Health Association (TFHA) with MISP. IPPF trained 24 people in MISP last year in Tonga, and will be drawing on this pool. - Pregnancy mapping undertaken by TFHA to be shared with UNFPA. - RH kit support will be clarified based on ongoing discussions with TFHA and MOH. - UNFPA will support MOH Reproductive Health unit, who can mobilize RH nurses for assessments and outreach activities. Deployment of Fijian midwives is also a possibility (based on Cyclone Pam experience) - Provision of SRH services to people with disabilities through outreach. 	KIT 2A	Clean delivery Kit (individual use)	7	KIT 2B	Clean delivery Kit (birth attendance use)	8	KIT 3	Post Rape Treatment	3	KIT 8	Management of Miscarriage	3	KIT 9	Surgical kit	3	KIT 5	Treatment of sexually transmitted diseases	3	KIT 6A/6B	Clinical Delivery Assistance	3	KIT10B	Vacuum Extractor	3
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNFPA convened stakeholder meeting on 17 February, linked MOH RH unit, TFHA, Tonga Red Cross and MIA to consolidate gaps in disaggregated data. A meeting with MOH (RH unit) and IPPF MA will take place on 20 Feb. - UNFPA has provided inputs into the Health and WASH cluster response plan, to be discussed and finalized in a cluster meeting on 19 February. <p>3) Gender and Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Internal Affairs has requested assistance for UNFPA/UNW and UNICEF to support the Safety and Protection Cluster - UNFPA and UNW will be co-leading support to GBV response and multi-sectoral coordination. A meeting will be held on 19 February and will include the Disabled Persons Organisation and LGBTQI groups. - Results from the rapid protection assessment being analyzed now with MIA, TWCC, UNFPA and CARE. - Response plan, including WFS and DK distribution and sensitization, CMR, referral pathways, partners etc will be developed in the coming days. <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elisi Tupou: field staff in Tonga - Latoya Lee: field staff in Samoa - Dr Tomoko Kurokawa: Deputy Rep deployed to Tonga to support MOH in SRH response - Dr Rania Abuelhassan: GBV in Emergencies specialist deployed to Tonga to support Protection (GBV) response - Dr Pulane Tlebere: RH advisor on standby to deploy from Suva if additional SRH support is needed -APRO support from Bangkok, including mobilizing pre-positioned supplies in Brisbane and DFAT liaison <p>Communication/Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sitreps: Deputy Rep will prepare TC Gita sitreps for sharing and distribution with PSRO, APRO, HQ (HFCB) for circulation to the HSC and IDWG e-groups and UN partners if requested. - External: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Social media: Deputy Rep will oversee social media messaging and draft a Communication plan. Camera is now available for images from the field, including of DFAT funded supplies. o OCHA HoA requested that all PHT member refrain from media comment, and that the RC is the UN spokesperson to ensure consistent messaging and focus on government-led response. o IEC/Advocacy: PSRO will support field officers in Samoa and Tonga on advocacy materials on RH and dignity kits, and prioritization of SRH and GBV in response.
5	<p>Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All UNFPA staff members in Tonga, Samoa and Fiji and their families are safe and accounted for. - 7pm-8am curfew in the central business district of Nuku'alofa. Staff involved in disaster response/UN agencies exempt, although basic security measures will be respected.
6	<p>UNFPA actions required from HQ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There may be a need for PSRO to apply for emergency funds. If so, PSRO/APRO will submit an application through the ERF online portal. - APRO is in contact with PSB regarding supplies. - There may be a need to activate FTPs. - There may be a need to request humanitarian-logistics capacity to set up tents.