



FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE CLUSTER

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Cyclone PAM: Food Security and Agriculture Cluster Daily Briefing Date 18 March 2015 1:00pm

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

Lead Organisations: DARD, SPC/GIZ, FAO

Urgent Needs:

- Better coordination for emergency food aid; all must work through Food Security Cluster
- Quantify all stocks of imported and local foods, seeds and farming tools on all islands (Vila and Luganville stocks are already well known)
- Identify the sources and types of vegetative planting material resources available on all islands (especially stocks of kumala vine cuttings, banana suckers, taro tubers and island cabbage branches)
- Urgent commitment from Government Finance and International Agencies for quickly available finance to purchase locally available supplies (see finance below)
- A large cadre of local volunteers to assemble food aid packages for island delivery
- Commitment from VMF and Policy staff to travel with to supervise food aid delivery to islands
- Support for delivery of flyers with key messages to farmers to immediately replant and be aware of coming food aid and process for distribution
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Response (high priority actions)

- Communication of key food security messages (FM & HF radio, pamphlet, mobile, newspaper) has begun
- Preparation of a national estimate of type and quantity of food required for each island, based on damage and population, now complete
- Draft Community Food Distribution Guideline available
- Agriculture experts are analysing the areal picture to determine damage on crops, fruits, livestock and fisheries infrastructure
- Agriculture and Food Security Rapid Assessment Teams already flying to TAFEA (Tanna, PENAMA, TORBA, Sheperd Islands, MALAMPA)
- Island level maps of food distribution plans are being finalized



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Gaps & Constraints (beneficiary needs)

Finance:¹

- 196,060,000 Vt Foods
- 3,693,675 Vt Seeds
- 1,218,490 Vt Farming Tools
- 3,960,000 Extensions

HR:

- Local Volunteers for assembling the food for the food packages
- International Expertise on large scale food distribution logistics and processes

MEMORANDUM TO FINANCIERS- 18 March 2015

The Food Security & Agriculture Cluster has undertaken stock assessments on the existing local of stocks of food aid, seeds and farming tools. These stocks will quickly run out and should be purchased immediately to ensure that delivery to the most affected rural areas is not hampered.

The purchase of these locally available goods are NOT SUFFICIENT to meet the needs of the entire population, additional finance will be required. Estimated emergency food costs per day are ~15,500,000VT

Urgent Cash Locally Required (Not including Logistical/Transport/Delivery Costs) in next 72 hours.

Type of Available Goods	Description	Supplier	Amount VT	Amount USD
Foods			211,212,000	1,943,150

¹ Detailed Finances attached



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	40 container rice (23 tons)	Au Bon Marche	112,320,000	1,033,344
	10 container breakfast cracker	Au Bon Marche	25,020,000	230,184
	5 container tinfish	Au Bon Marche	41,040,000	377,568
	4 container oxford	Au Bon Marche	32,832,000	302,054
Seeds			3,693,675	33,982
	30,780 packets of vegetable	Vanuatu Agriculture Supply	3,693,675	33,982
Farming Tools			1,218,490	11,210
	756 Bush Knife	Wilco Hardware	374,220	3,443
	1736 Yam Spade	Wilco Hardware	338,520	3,114
	1190 Crowbar	Wilco Hardware	505,750	4,653
Extension Services			3,960,000	30,349
	Extension Support	Livestock/Biosecurity	3,960,000	30,349
		TOTAL	220,084,165	2,018,691

FSAC MEMORANDUM

The Food Security & Agriculture Cluster is fully operational, and under the direct oversight of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity (MALFFB). There is a **fully staffed FSAC Secretariat** office at the NDMO building (GIZ Office) All food security, food aid, and agriculture response to cyclone Pam MUST be coordinated by the FSAC, following the response Chain of Command, strongly voiced by the Prime Minister's Office. **No agency or development partner may plan for or undertake ANY food related response without coordinating with the FSAC in advance.** *No food distribution before 1st week of April, per local expert agriculture advice.

The FSAC has undertaken a substantial amount of work to date:



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1. Finalized and published a [Minimum Food Ration Standard](#), including the food and amount contained within emergency aid packages
2. Completed **stock and pricing assessments** of the following available and in-country goods: [food rations \(rice, tinned protein, biscuits\)](#), [farming tools \(bush knives, crowbars, yam spades\)](#)
3. [FSAC Online Contact List](#)
4. [FSAC Online Calendar of Events](#)
5. [Preliminary analysis of Emergency Food Aid Requirements by Island](#) (30, 60, 90 days), based on household statistics and cyclone track
6. Community Food Distribution Guideline (in draft)
7. [Key Food Security Messages](#), to be shared immediately with farmers and communities on replanting (already on radio and HF, preparing for air drop)
8. Upload of all critical [Agricultural Extension Documents](#) for use by all partners
9. [Detailed and Budgeted Action Plans](#) for Food Security and Agriculture related Pam response in the following key areas: Agriculture Damage Assessment, Food Package, Food Distribution, Food, Seeds, Farming Tool Stock Assessments, Planting Materials Assessments, Extension Support, Communications