**Cyclone PAM: Food Security and Agriculture Cluster**

**Daily Briefing**

**Date 1 April 2015**

**1:00pm**

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster
Lead Organisations: DARD, SPC/GIZ, FAO

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| **Urgent Needs:**  |
| * Long term rebuilding and restructuring of the Ministry (MLFFB)
* Fishing gear (fish aggregating devices, backyard aquaculture, boats, nets etc)
* Livestock fresh protein transport
* Food rations for boarding schools
* Animal welfare support (animal feed, water, shelter)
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| **Response (high priority actions)** |
| * International procurement of non-perishable emergency food stocks complete for next push of food WFP: 200MT rice, German Government: 137MT rice, Red Cross: 108MT, Adra: 25MT rice. Further procurement is underway for the for the longer term food assistance response.
* First Push Food Distribution fully complete: SHEFA: Shepherds islands, Efate Offshore (3,100 people), Epi (7,600 people), TAFEA: (Aneityum, Aniwa, Futuna, MALAMPA (Paama)
* TORBA: (Mere Lava; 100 households)
* Food distribution close to completion:

EFATE: Efate rural, Port Vila urban and peri-urban (18,500 households)TAFEA: Erromango (only Cooks Bay to be completed)MALAMPA (Ambrym, 1,500 households)* Food Distribution underway:

PENAMA: (Pentecost, Maewo; 4,800 households), TAFEA (Tanna)* 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
* Provision of food assistance to boarding schools in Shefa and Tafea
* Preparation of seed packages for distribution with the second push of food
* Assessment of fisheries damage and of fish preservation and fishing facilities complete
* Evaluation of availability of surplus fresh produce from less impacted islands has been undertaken including Fiji taro, island taro, cassava, kumula, yams, as well as for fishing by-catch. Transport and logistics options for these are being investigated.
* Assessments on plant diseases and animal welfare on Epi is completed, need of water, shelter and animal feed
* Development of long term recovery plan (forestry, fishery, agriculture)
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| **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.
* Improvements to the systemized reporting of people receiving food assistance
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