**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) |
| **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) |
| **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 |