



FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE CLUSTER

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Urgent Needs:

- Distribution of food to 162,000 people in Tafea, Shefa, Malampa, and Penama; govt purchased 94.5 millionVT worth of locally available emergency rations
- Finance for procurement of the food for distribution post the initial distribution (2.5 months of food, estimated to be ~400 million vatu), as well as for transport of this food
- Finance (~100 million vatu) and in-kind of tools and seeds to be distributed (according to FSAC standards and guidelines).

Response (high priority actions)

- Initial Food Package for highest priority areas per person for 15 days will include 5kg rice, 1 cans of meat (and an additional 1 cans of fish in hardest hit areas), and 2 packets noodles.
- The initial package of food for 15 days, as well as seeds shipped on Saturday to Tongoa, Tongariki, Mataso, Makira, Emae and Buninga (809 households). Six Agricultural Officers accompanied these shipments to provide planting advice and to perform detailed crop and livestock impact assessments.
- Initial food package shipping to Erromango, Tanna, Aniwa, Futuna, and Epi (approximately 7,400 households) on Sunday and Monday
- Registration of affected households for food distribution in Port Vila completed by the municipality area councils and underway in rural Efate.
- Import of seeds (specific shortfalls in cucumber, beans and squash) and tools to address shortfall in locally available stocks
- Rapid animal needs assessment, starting with priority areas in Shefa



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- Assess fisheries damage

Gaps & Constraints (beneficiary needs)

- Urgent information on the situation of fishery impacts and locally available fishing gears on the islands
- Availability of crops planting material not clear yet