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

**Daily Briefing**

**Date 30 March 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 (boats, nets etc)
* 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 (3,088 people), Epi (7,621 people)TAFEA (Aneityum, Aniwa), MALAMPA (Paama)
* Food distribution close to completion:

EFATE: Port Vila urban and peri-urban (18,512 households)* Food Distribution underway:

PENAMA (Pentecost, Maewo; 4,800 households), TORBA (Mere Lava; 100 households), MALAMPA (Ambrym, 1,500 households), TAFEA (Tanna, Erromango; 5,900 households)* 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
* Assessment of fisheries damage and of fish preservation and fishing facilities on Shepherd Islands and Efate offshore islands completed: 90-95% of fishing gears have been destroyed
* 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 food
* 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
* Assessments for second food distribution and mid-term and long-term planning
* Transport of food and seeds from inter island and on the island
* Information on number of people received food packages is not clearly being reported in a systematic way
* Volunteers needed: seed re-packaging, trained food distribution observers
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