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