



FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE CLUSTER

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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
- First Push Food Distribution fully complete: Shepherds, Efate Offshore, Aneityum
- Shipping underway to PENAMA (Pentecost, Maewo), TORBA (Mere Lava) (4,900 households), MALAMPA (Ambrym) (1,500 households) on 26 March
- Distribution underway in MALAMPA (Paama), SHEFA (Epi and Lanem) (1,600 households) and Efate urban and peri-urban (18,512 households)
- Dispatch of High Energy Biscuits 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
- Seeds distribution for more than 22,000 families to replant vegetables completed
- Collection of crop planting material on Efate (Teouma and Eton) on distributed on Shepherd Islands 27 March. Distribution of crop planting materials for larger islands is being assessed to ensure wastage is minimised
- 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



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- 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
- 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 for seed re-packaging for Monday 30 March
- Biosecurity Vanuatu has shortage of Border Control Officers at the moment