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Pacific Humanitarian Week

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STRATEGIC-POLICY MAKING

Principals

NGOs

UN Agency /
Cluster Lead Agency

Red Cross/
Red Crescent

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OPERATIONAL
IMPLEMENTATION

Inter-Cluster

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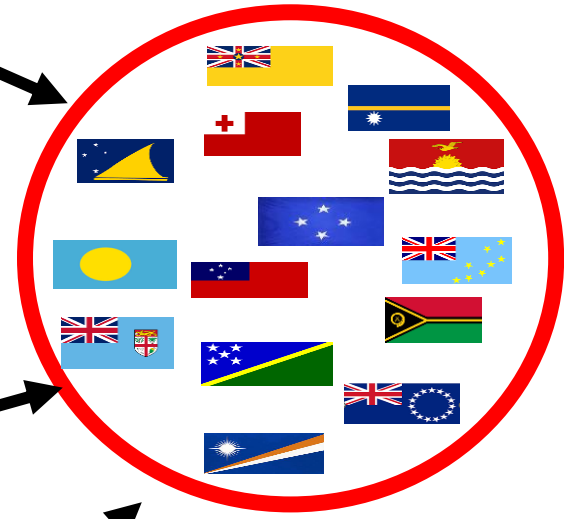
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Wider
PHT network

Government,
donors,
regional, faith-
based, private
sector, civil
society orgs,
academia.

*Invited to
meetings
depending on
topics of
discussion.*

Strengthening National and Regional Response Capabilities

- In 2023, emergency response efforts reached 97,000 children across the Pacific.
- Over 75 partners, including NNGOs, INNGOs, churches, and governments, received training on PSEA (Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) across the Pacific region.
- The Accountability to Affected Populations approach was implemented during emergencies, with notable experiences in Fiji (FCOSS) and Vanuatu with NDMO
- UNICEF provides support to leadership in Education, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), Nutrition, and Child Protection clusters or subgroups.
- UNESCO- Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Tonga currently updating Tsunami Warning and Response SOP to inform review and update of National Tsunami Response Plan (NTRP).
- 18 PICT member states participated in the Exercise Pacific Wave 2022 (PacWave22)- PICT Regional Exercise. Exercise Pacific Wave 2024 (PacWave24) planning currently underway to be held from September –November 2024.

Strengthening National and Regional Response Capabilities

- WFPs Support to Fiji Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) Sustainable Development Plan (SDP) process for improved agriculture data and statistics
- Support to Samoa Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) production survey
- Development of a LoA with Vanuatu Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fishery and Biosecurity (MALFFB) to support and strengthen preparedness and response coordination
- **Support disaster response interventions:**
 - **Vanuatu Response:** Support to govt-led national Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) response interventions - TC Judy/TC Kevin (March 2023)
 - NERT Solomon Islands and Fiji

Strengthening National and Regional Response Capabilities

Country Capacity Strengthening:

- Institutional Capacity Needs Mapping for Vanuatu, Tonga, Nauru, Samoa
- Update of the Logistics Capacity Assessments of RMI, Fiji, Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa, Kiribati,
- Update of the Concept of Operations for the Pacific Logistics Cluster
- Gaps and Needs Analysis of Regional Humanitarian actors (ongoing)

Emergency response and support:

- TC Judy and Kevin surge capacity augmentation for NDMO Vanuatu
- TC Lola capacity augmentation for NDMO Vanuatu
- Kiribati Long reach NDMO and ADF participation

Localization of Humanitarian Response

- Fourteen work plans in the fourteen countries, encompassing preparedness, response, and recovery activities in WASH, education, health & nutrition, child protection, and social policy, were signed with National Governments.
- Prepositioned supplies are available in Fiji, Micronesia, Kiribati, Vanuatu, and the Solomon Islands.
- UNICEF maintains field presence in Micronesia, Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Vanuatu, and the Solomon Islands with a staff of 155 (60% women), 82% of whom are from the Pacific. In 2023, 45 staff members underwent a week-long training session on emergencies, including a simulation exercise.

People-Centered Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems & Anticipatory Action

- EW4ALL initiative launch, including 5 Pacific countries in the initial roll out and works in support of regionally led Weather Ready Pacific Project
- Pacific focused gender and disability EWS Guidance developed and implemented
- Pacific Anticipatory Action Initiative rolled out by UN and regional partners – Anticipatory CERF mechanism, Pacific AA training modules and financing products
- Early Warning Messages for cyclones, as part of the Anticipatory Action Framework, have been developed, along with early warning messages for drought situations in the North Pacific.
- School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (SBDRR) programs and Education in Emergencies (EiE) policies have been implemented in Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, and Kiribati.
- UNICEF operates across preparedness, response, and recovery phases.
- WFPs Anticipatory Action pilot in partnership with the Fiji Ministry for Women, Children and Social Protection (MWCSP)

People-Centered Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems & Anticipatory Action

- Preparedness
- Participating in the Early Warning for All (EW4ALL) workshop, ETC has extended its support to Pillar of the initiative which focuses on communication and dissemination of risk related information.
- ICT Capacity Assessments (ICAs) conducted for FSM, Palau, RMI, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. ICAs include evaluation of policies, strategies, capacities and providing an overview of the ICT landscape and insights into how communications technologies are leveraged in response to any potential disaster as well as to mitigate the impact of disasters.
- The ETC participated in the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Disaster Risk Management training organized for key ministries and local FPs in Kiribati by the Japan Telecommunications Engineering and Consulting Service (JTEC) and was funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
- Capacity strengthening
- High Frequency (HF) Radio Telephone Operators Certificate training for MEIDECC, Tonga
- National Emergency Response Team (NERT) training conducted, Fiji
- Emergency Telecommunications training conducted for first responders and government officials, Fiji.
- Emergency Response provided
- Tonga - Volcano eruption (equipment and personnel deployed)
- Vanuatu – TCs Judy & Kevin and Lola (equipment deployed)

Pacific Tsunami Warning & Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)

- Tsunami Warning Systems under the global coordination of the UNESCO-IOC with strong connection to earthquake, volcano and landslide early warning systems/science provides a direct MHEWS connection between the geo-hazard monitoring/early-warning systems and the EW4All initiative focusing primarily to the hydro-meteorological hazards.
- Through the **Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (OTDP)**, Two (2) communities in Fiji officially recognized UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Community and Four (4) communities in FSM recently submitted their interest to be officially recognized UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Community in 2024.
- Over Ten (10) participants from Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, FSM, Samoa, RMI attended the 2023 International Tsunami Programme (ITP) -Training in Hawaii.
- In 2023, Fiji hosted 9th Meeting of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (WG-PICT) and Tonga hosted the 30th session of the ICG/PTWS and the meeting endorsed three (3) Task Teams under WG-PICT
 1. Task Team Capacity Development – chaired by Tonga
 2. Task Team Seismic Data Sharing in the Southwest Pacific – co-chaired by Tonga and PNG
 3. Task Team Information Sharing Platforms – co-chaired by Solomon Islands and French Polynesia

Geohazards & Cultural Heritage in DRR

- Fiji hosted the first Regional Geohazards Meeting and Learning Event in December 2024 that included the Oceania Regional Seismic Network (ORSNET) final review of strategic plan. The meeting recommended to develop the Regional Geohazard Strategy in 2024-2025.
- Under the UNESCO/IOC Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (ODTP), Vanuatu hosting a meeting of the SMART CABLE INITIATIVE between Vanuatu and New Caledonia in May 2024 – supported by the **ITU/WMO/UNESCO-IOC Joint Task Force on SMART Submarine Cable**.
- The Scientific Meeting of Experts to understand tsunami sources, hazard, risk and uncertainties associated with New Hebrides, San Cristobal and New Britain Trench will be hosted by Vanuatu in May 2024
- Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga engaged safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in emergencies capacity development in 2023-24.

Climate and Disaster Risk Management Financing

- UN active member of the Pacific Resilience Management Disaster Risk Financing Working Group supporting development of regional roadmap and development/implementation of national DRF strategies
- Fiji, the Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu are part of the Today & Tomorrow initiative (Parametric Risk Transfer), enabling UNICEF to access funding immediately after a cyclone for response efforts.
- Climate and Disaster Risk Financing – WFP working in partnership with PICs and the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company (PCRIC) to support Anticipatory Action (AA) programme design and the scale-up of macro level insurance financing (Fiji)