

# Pacific Humanitarian Team

Background and Progress 2008-2009



## Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)

Composed of NGO consortia, Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, IOM, World Bank and UN agencies

### Inter-Agency Standing Committee Full Members and Standing Invitees

Full Members	Standing Invitees
Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	American Council for Voluntary International Action (InterAction)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
World Food Programme (WFP)	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (SRSG on HR of IDPs)
World Health Organisation (WHO)	Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHRR)
	World Bank (World Bank)



## Background

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July 2008: 1<sup>st</sup> workshop of regional humanitarian responders in the Pacific (Suva, Fiji)

- Total 65 participants
- 19 UN staff from 11 UN agencies
- 11 INGO staff from 11 INGOs
- 5 participants from 3 Red Cross organisations
- 5 participants from 5 education/training institutes
- 14 participants from 5 donor partners
- 11 country representatives (NDMO, MOH)
- Establishment of PHT and prioritized Pacific clusters for preparedness and response

## Outcomes

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### Pacific Humanitarian Team

- Comprising all disaster response actors that have a regional capacity to deploy in Pacific Island Countries

### Prioritized clusters

(1) Health & Nutrition (2) WASH (3) Emergency Shelter & Camp management (4) Logistics (5) Information Management (6) Protection

## 6 Pacific Priority Clusters

Humanitarian Cluster	Global cluster lead	Pacific cluster lead	Pacific cluster partners (July 08)
1 Health & Nutrition	WHO & UNICEF	WHO & (UNICEF)	WHO, UNICEF, USG, Red Cross (RC), UNFPA, WV, UNDP, UNEP, SCF, OXFAM, NZ, AUS, Fiji School of Medicine/Monash
2 Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)	UNICEF	UNICEF	UNICEF, RC, OXFAM, NZ, WV, SCF, USG, JP, WHO, AUS
3 Shelter & Camp Management	IFRC & IOM	IFRC (convener for Shelter) IOM (for Camp Management)	IFRC, SCF, HFH, WV, Oxfam, NZ, JP, AUS, IOM
4 Logistics	WFP	WFP	WFP, Oxfam, Red Cross, USG, Church, FRANZ
5 Information Management	Cross-cutting issue	UNOCHA	UNOCHA, OXFAM, SCF, RC, USG, UNFPA, UNICEF, Monash/ FSM, UNESCO, FRANZ, SOPAC, NZCID, ACFID? PIANGO?
6 Protection	UNHCR (for refugees)	UNHCR/UNICEF/ OHCHR	UNHCR, UNICEF, OHCHR, OXFAM, WV, SCF, OCHA, USG, UNFPA, NZ, RC, Churches, UNDSS, AUSAID

## Outcomes (cont'd)

- Coordination - IASC of PHT: Cluster leads + UNRCs
  - Inter Cluster Coordination
  - Inter-Agency Standing Committee of the Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT - IASC)

Cluster leads + Education (UNICEF/Save the Children) + Early Recovery (UNDP) + Others as per request to cluster leads or RC/OCHA

## Emergencies & Response 2008-2009

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- High Sea Swells: RMI, FSM, Solomon Islands (Dec 08)
- Fiji Floods (Jan 09)
- Guadalcanal floods (Feb 09)
- Ambrym Volcano and Floods (Apr 09)
- Samoa & Tonga Tsunami (Sept/Oct 09)

## Cluster preparedness planning

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- Standardized rapid assessment tools (Health, Shelter, IM)
- Integrated data (Health)
- Partnerships with government (Health, WASH)
- Inventory of HR and materials (WASH)
- Focal persons and preparedness plan (WASH, Protection)
- Mapping of lessons, capacities, issues, etc. (Shelter/CM, Logistics, Protection)
- WFP follow up (Logistics)
- Identify lead agencies (Protection)
- Online forum set up (IM, Protection)

## IASC PHT

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- Regular meetings: 3 (Oct 08, Dec 08, April 09)
- Several around various emergencies
- Often hampered by technical communication problems, so often Suva centered.

## Inter-Agency Contingency Planning

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- Solomon Islands (March 09)
- Samoa (April 09)
- Vanuatu (September 09)

## Next 3 days think collectively about:

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- Experiences in response
- Lessons learned
- Planning
- Feasibility
- Required structures, actions, resources
- At organizational, national, regional and global levels