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MINUTES: IASC General Meeting Friday 9th October 2009, UN Situation Room, 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Agenda Items – Briefings and Updates	Actions (To be actioned by) <i>Requested by</i>	To be completed by:
<p>RC/HC The RC/HC thanked everyone for joining the meeting. The IASC members present included ADRA, AusAID, CARITAS, EU, FAO, GOS (MOF/EU Advisor, MWCSD), Habitat for Humanity, IASC, NZAID, OCHA, OXFAM, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, Save the Children, SUNGO, UNDAC, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, WFP, World Vision.</p> <p>The IASC was briefed on the progress of each Cluster by each Head of Clusters</p>		
Cluster Updates		
<p><u>Information Management Cluster – Peter Schuller</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Disaster Net online have updated information on each cluster contents. Refer to 'cluster activities' online Informed members that they can now access downloadable information online re environmental healthy survey with maps of affected population's water distribution, homeless, status per dates. Configuration continues. Website address: www.pacificdissaster.net. 	Continue to provide information to be updated on the PDN – (Cluster teams) RC	Ongoing
<p><u>Health & Nutrition Cluster – Head of HC Leads: WHO and UNICEF. Lead cluster on nutrition - UNICEF</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed that the CEO of MOH called a meeting of the health sector including those involved in the cluster. The MOH CEO moved a motion in that meeting to dissolve the cluster and create a Health Sector Working Group (HSWG). Decisions from this working group will feed into a report to NDMO. That the CEO of MOH wishes for affected population to go back to permanent health clinics and discontinue reliance on mobile health clinics. Informed that the HSWG will be calling a meeting to be held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 <p>Health Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported that PPE is high priority to medication. The Ministry finds it difficult to quantify needs. Reports – primary health care, etc with collaborations with other organizations and needs of the MOH. <p>National Health Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed that the Measles campaign to be rolled out in phase form, 3-4 weeks. Average incubation period start 10 days to 2 weeks. A lack of Vitamin A and is very contagious. 	<p>Submit Health Cluster Report with matrix incorporated – (Head of Health Cluster) RC</p> <p>Health Sector Working Group meeting – <i>requesting (IASC members to attend this meeting)</i></p> <p>Double check whether or not members of IASC are included in the new working group – (Head of Health Cluster), RC</p>	<p>Tuesday 13 October 2009</p> <p>Tuesday 13 October 2009</p> <p>Tuesday 13 October 2009</p>
<p><u>Education Cluster Lead: UNICEF STC; Support: UNESCO</u></p> <p>EC is currently very focused on immediate needs, less on recovery. 5 affected schools in 4 affected villages. 4 primary 1 secondary. Affected children, 1,091. These children will reconnect with 5 or 6 host schools – assuming therefore 2000 affected students. This report has been shared with DAC. Tuesday 12/10 is to resume school of the joint-schools, needs reconfirmation. Immediate Needs: Furniture, potable water, water tanks, school tents (for additional space), transport (some children travel 5 km), 1st aid kits. Goal of next meeting (40 mins) is to present these information, costings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response: RC – how quickly can this be made available through our partners here? Sufficient readiness? Possible within next 7-10 days. For 	<p>Confirm number and names of host schools, locations to transport needs and when school starting – (Kathryn RCS/ICRC) RC</p> <p>Assist Ulutogia school to relocate 300 people currently residing in school grounds –</p>	<p>Wednesday 14 October 2009</p> <p>Ongoing</p>



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<p>furniture, may take longer. 1st Aid Kits , school uniforms, water tanks – there is capacity locally to procure. Need to know locations, where transport.</p>	<p>(RCS/ICRC)</p> <p>Address portable/other design toilets for the schools (WASH)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><u>Logistics Cluster – David Allen (HLC) Leads: WFP and NDMO</u> David Allen: 1st coordination meeting 2 days ago at Tuanaimato. Aim: to try and support what is already being done by NDMO and GOS. To help system already in place to work effectively. To bring in as much information, both solicited and un-solicited, in terms of aid. LC composition: NDMO officer, Customs Liaison officer, Port Authority officer – all to ensure currently operations of small amounts of aid locally, ship, aircraft are logged and recorded. Next meeting 11.00am Saturday 10 October 2009.</p>	<p>Ensure MWCS D member attends and is part of the Logistics Cluster – (MWCS D)</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p><u>Early Recovery Cluster – Georgina Bonin (HERC) Lead: UNDP. Lead in Agriculture and Food security sub cluster – FAO. Co-leads in Environment sub cluster – UNEP and UNESCO.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informed that apart from the 2 day field assessment a smaller team went to Manono Island 8 October 2009; - Informed that the 2 day socio-economic assessment and environment assessment reports are completed; - Awaiting for FAO on agriculture and fisheries assessment report which will be highly welcome. Synthesis ongoing on all these assessments. Preliminary findings of the socio-economic assessment is provided and detailed findings continue to capture all main findings; - Held meeting with government this morning, with MOF. Information shared with all CEOs of ministries; - Reported that GOS appreciated work of the cluster. Fully behind the report, and have informed line ministries to feed / support information. - Request from GOS /Noumea asked to look at longer term recovery of those areas and the country as a whole in the report; - Will continue to hold 1 on 1 meetings with ERC and line ministries on main issues of ERC, e.g., on resettlement and livelihood (MWCS D, MNRE, etc). to ensure integrated, tangible information; - Psycho-social issues: counselors for teachers and parents to help deal with trauma; - Question: Lockton from AusAID: - are you planning to continue to provide the support of the ERFramework? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nileema response – expectation that once framework is developed, roles of those in the framework will be clearer and to have parts to engage and carry that out. - Comment: Wish to note that the Cluster approach, application and communication with appreciation from CEOs of government line ministries shows that Cluster system is working well. 	<p>ER Cluster meeting (Jean Stalon, ERTL)</p> <p>ERC Field assessors debriefing (Georgina Bonin, HERC)</p> <p>ER Team meeting (Jean de Luc Stalon, ERTL)</p> <p>Complete draft report of the ER Framework (Jean de Luc Stalon, ERTL)</p> <p>Ensure line ministries of the government about the cluster organization / communication (i.e., ER Cluster has sub clusters, and that other sector-based clusters feed info to ER cluster) (All members and heads of clusters)</p> <p>Heads of clusters to accompany clusters to meetings with government (Clusters)</p> <p>Share reports with Government/MOF (all clusters)</p>	<p>4pm, Friday 9/10</p> <p>10am, Sat 10/10</p> <p>10am, Mon 12/10</p> <p>14 October 2009</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>



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<p>Protection Cluster – Matilda / Suzanne Lead: OHHR, Lead Child Protection Working Group: UNICEF (Joint OHHR & UNICEF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In particular on Children – seek guidance from Chair if this is last meeting of this group? Seek guidance on developing guidelines and inputs from partners. Seek recommendation from RC – to develop this in final meeting and then endorse. This is the IASC informed guidelines on children protection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o RC – PC is implicit in IASC. Seek from participants to go through and get back to us – in endorsement of and consider the guidelines in your work <p>Adding: Peter Schuller – OHHR – PC agencies participated in ER assessment to ensure gender, special needs are incorporated. Will be tracking vulnerable communities over time. “Shelters for Children and Family” issue to please contact Sosefina and SVSG.</p> <p>Adding: Mike Frew / Sosefina informed that there are wrong messaging from media on adoption issues and taking children. These are not from SVSG. OHHR will continue to work with ERC to draft reports.</p>	<p>Consider and endorse guidelines of the IASC informed guidelines on child protection (All IASC members) <i>RC</i></p> <p>Inform Sosefina of Psycho-social Coordination Committee of MOH and SVSG of any (unknown) people or agencies providing support to communities re child protection / adoption out in field (All IASC members) <i>Mike Frew</i></p>	<p>Due next IASC meeting 14 October 2009, 8.30am</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>WASH Update - lead UNICEF and OXFAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted coordination of WASH is good but now needs to liaise closely with ERC as it transitions from humanitarian into recovery as gaps are expected. - Bringing officer in on Monday to government to continue smooth transition into early recovery. Timeframe for officer unsure; - Noted one difference between normal TOR and GOS TOR for WASH. The latter does not cover solid waste; - Noted that solid waste handled by environment and is under early recovery. - Noted that NSF – arrived and assessed the needs, and determined no needs in water sector and subsequently left. All water supplies back on; - Last Tuesday, final supplies came on. Some places have intermittent supply. - Noted SWA and their system seems to ignore reconnection of water of those with arrears and continue to connect those without; - Noted that lines have been developed inland already in some places; - Informed that there are still poor inefficient water distribution systems. Will assist how to get tanks, rationalize sizes of tanks, and how to distribute more efficiently. 2 more trucks to SWA. OXFAM provided tanks on trucks. Another tanker coming in. - Request heavy truck drivers with HTLicense is needed, to volunteer on Sunday. Contact head of WASH. - Noted that EIA report is out and that EH Officers will be out next week in villages for next couple of weeks / month showing people how to build where to build toilets - Noted toilets – standards very good. ER toilets standards very good, get from OXFAM. Samoa speaking EHOfficers are needed and to please inform WASH 	<p>Request to provide any Environmental-Health Officers (All IASC members)</p> <p>Request to provide any heavy truck drivers with HT Licences to assist in distribution (All IASC members)</p> <p>Carry out marine assessments including poisoning potential on reefs and palolo; wharf pollution, diesel pollution, impacts on food poisoning (UNESCO group of scientists on Post-tsunami assessments) <i>Suzanne</i></p>	<p>Ongoing, immediate</p> <p>Ongoing, immediate</p> <p>Week beginning 12 October 2009</p>
<p>Housing Update - Habitat for Humanity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted that the issue of where to live will take time to resolve. NDMO to give green light before building houses. A lot of timber has gone up in to hills to start rebuilding. An opportunity exists of doing everything right. Disaster mitigation, greenhousing, rainwater collection, will be taken into consideration. Keen to work together. Lessons learned from 2004 tsunami re building long-term housing will also be considered. 	<p>Habitat for Humanity to work closely with ERC – (H4H and ERC)</p> <p>UN Habitat assistance</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Response: Georgina and Nileema: H4H to work closely with ERC as housing is becoming an immediate concern from government. o Response: Peter – emergency shelter, med-long term shelters issues were discussed with government. Latter type of shelter more fitting with H4H. - UN Habitat assistance will also be directed to ERC. - Informed that we use the ‘Build Back Better’ approach which is to consider not just things but systems, the way we do business. 	<p>to report to ERC (Georgina Bonin)</p>	
<p><u>Red Cross Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informed actions of RCS/ICRC so far – immediate assistance for moving out 300 people in school in Ulutogia; - Informed preferentials of RCS are still on water, sanitation and housing; - Informed that international staff will be coming in to offer further assistance; - (refer to RCS handout sheet providing summary of supplies by the RCS. The hand out was provided in this meeting) • Note that logistics is required to track these incoming supplies from not only RCS but from donors (Australia HMAS, HMNZS Canterbury) to ensure no duplication of supplies in same areas, etc 	<p>Logistics Cluster – to record incoming supplies for immediate relief and early recovery from all partners (Logistics Cluster)</p>	<p>ongoing</p>



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<p>UNDAC Report UNDP Pacific Center Peter Schuller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted the activated clusters and certain groupings with lead agencies have evolved over the past few days; - Noted the fast move of FAO from the Health & Nutrition Cluster during Immediate Relief phase to under the Early Recovery Cluster in the 'transition to Early Recovery phase' - Informed that system changes have to be recorded properly for accountability; - HAND OVER Arrangements Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Main objective of UNDAC was coordination, setting and organizing meetings, facilitating processes, initiating logistical support. David now in charge of logistical coordination. o INTER-CLUSTER coordination, support and information management have now been taken over by the clusters that exist. o undac.samoa@gmail.com account will still be open for further clarifications; o Responsibilities on clusters to follow up these actions. When clusters are transferred over to government groups, please ensure information is also handed over in terms of contacts (networks). Nako (f) and Litaia to stay to support website (based in Fiji). Email updates and mapping will be ongoing. Assessments by MOH will continue in the longer term. <p>Nileema (RC) thanked Peter and Jim of UNDAC and many others for helping assisting, IASC and NDMO colleagues as well.</p> <p>RC– Given situation now, how often should IASC continue to meet?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidated Response: Meet to review ER Framework before presentation to the Prime Minister. Meet after presentation. - Request a clear approach that GOS will coordinate and provide review of this ER framework thereafter. Suggest to convene an ERC to find out a mechanism. <p>Fiji</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When can response plans for humanitarian needs be ready? - Consolidated Response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Suggesting 6-8 week plans to be drafted and provided next week, the following clusters have reiterated times whereby their drafts will be ready using a standardized report : o WASH – By Monday a draft plan of 6-8 months plan (incorporating both immediate needs and more); HEALTH – expect sometime next week. After Tuesday meeting plans will be clear. Solid waste – with GOS?; ENVIRONMENT – by Tuesday next week; EDUCATION – next week?; PROTECTION – completed; Integrated in ERC. (2-3 months plan); EARLY RECOVERY – Monday/Tuesday; LOGISTICS – requirements foreseen for additional support to NDMO is not clear, i.e, at funding needs. It is more systems support at this point; OCCHA – need reports to come in next Monday; Wednesday – a dead line for everyone including Fiji (their Thursday time). <p>Government says that humanitarian response and relief efforts are under control. Therefore we do not anticipate enormous gaps, such that will require an appeal. But for early recovery, may be totally different.</p> <p>Nileema – thanks all. Next meeting: Wednesday 14 October 2009, 8.30am.</p>	<p>Ensure all information, network contacts are handed over to government when clusters are transferred over to government group (All Clusters) <i>Peter S</i></p> <p>Minako and assistant to continue back-stopping for clusters and facilitate inter-cluster liaison meetings and more (Minako)</p> <p>Send email to IASC members to summarise the work of the UNDAC (Minako and Peter) RC</p> <p>Submit draft response plans for humanitarian needs from:</p> <p>Provide all reports/ assessments to ERC to put together framework to be presented to government. (All Clusters)</p> <p>IASC meeting to review ER Framework before presentation to government (IASC)</p> <p>Present to the Prime Minister of Samoa the Early Recover Framework. (RC)</p> <p>Suggest mechanism on how government will continue to implement the ER Framework – (ERC) Support Samaritians Purse cash for work / voucher programs IASC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>As soon as possible</p> <p>All draft response plans due Wednesday 14 October 2009</p> <p>Due COB 14 October 2009</p> <p>14 October 2009, 8.30am, UN Situation Room, Matautu Uta</p> <p>TBC – Thursday 15 or Friday 16 October 2009</p> <p>Per feedback from government re ER Framework</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>
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