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WFP signed a Letter of Agreement with SPC under the framework of the PHWP © WFP Pacific

Operational Context

The Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) are among the most hazard-prone regions, with eight out of the 20 nations with the highest average disaster losses being in the Pacific. In 2023, the region continued to experience significant natural hazards, including rapid-onset events such as the twin cyclones in Vanuatu. The PICTs are still reeling from the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic-induced lockdown. This situation is exacerbated by the global food crisis. Analysis indicates the PICTs are not on track to reach any Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by 2030. This is in part driven by growing inequality, including gender inequality and public services that are insufficient to address poverty and improve education and health outcomes, against the backdrop of the climate crisis.

In July 2023, WFP started a new Multi Country Strategic Plan (MCSP) 2023-2027, which is aligned with the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023-2027) and the 14 country implementation plans representing the main strategic engagement between the United Nations development system and Pacific governments. WFP will focus on strengthening the capacities of regional and national stakeholders for emergency preparedness and response in logistics, emergency telecommunications, disaster risk management and food security, including inclusive and accessible shock-responsive social protection systems that focus on those most at risk of being left behind.



Highlights

- In July, Under the Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Programme (PHWP), WFP signed a Letter of Agreement with the Pacific Community to strengthen regional humanitarian supply chain and logistics systems, with a focus on locally led warehousing and enhanced disaster preparedness.
- WFP supported the second National Emergency Response Team training in Fiji, led by the National Disaster Risk Management Office. WFP delivered emergency telecommunications and logistics training to strengthen national disaster response capacity.
- WFP and the Samoa Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries co-conducted a Cost of the Diet analysis. Findings underscore the importance of strengthening local food systems and adopting a coordinated, multisectoral approach to improve access to affordable and nutritious diets in Samoa.

Operational Updates

Supply Chain

- Under the framework of the Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Programme, WFP signed a Letter of Agreement with the Pacific Community (SPC). The partnership aims to build and strengthen humanitarian supply chain and logistics systems, competencies, and capabilities across the Pacific region. With a regional focus on locally led warehousing solutions, the collaboration seeks to enhance the pre-positioning of relief supplies through the development of complementary systems and processes, improved coordination among humanitarian actors, and capacity strengthening for effective and timely disaster response.
- WFP participated in the successful launch of the first warehouse in Kiribati under the Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Programme. This climate-resilient facility enables efficient distribution of relief supplies to outer islands. Leveraging the opportunity, WFP held discussions with a number of counterparts including SPC, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, on key aspects of the programme and opportunities for strengthened coordination.

Emergency Telecommunications

- From 17 to 24 August 2025, WFP supported the 2nd National Emergency Response Team (NERT) Training in Fiji, led by the National Disaster Risk Management Office. WFP delivered a training in emergency telecommunications and humanitarian logistics for 37 participants from government, private, and humanitarian sectors to enhance disaster response readiness. This included a practical training in satellite and radio communications, logistics planning and operations, and a 24-hour live simulation exercise.

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Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
53.95 m	11.5 m	5.9 m

Strategic Result 5: Countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs (SDG Target 17.9)

Strategic Outcome 1: By 2027 governments and regional stakeholders in the Pacific have strengthened systems and capacity to reduce vulnerability to food insecurity and malnutrition.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance for emergency preparedness and response in logistics, supply chains and emergency telecommunications to governments and regional stakeholders.
- Work with governments and regional stakeholders to strengthen their capacity to understand, anticipate, mitigate and reduce the impact of disasters and long-term climate change on the food and nutrition security of the most vulnerable populations.

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs (SDG Target 17.16)

Strategic Outcome 2: Humanitarian and development partners in the Pacific have access to reliable services during crisis.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Provide logistics services to nationally- and regionally-led emergency responses.
- Provide emergency telecommunications services to nationally- and regionally-led emergency responses.
- Provide on-demand services to nationally- and regionally-led emergency responses.

- Under the Joint Programme for Rural Women's Economic Empowerment, WFP completed a [bi-annual data collection](#) exercise for Kiribati, Tonga and Fiji, providing key insights in food security and nutrition, livelihoods and income, gender roles in household economic decision-making, financial resilience, coping strategies and vulnerabilities, and barriers for business development. This enables partners, local community leaders and women's groups to monitor progress and make informed decisions.

Climate Insurance

- In August, WFP organised a regional workshop with five countries currently receiving premium subsidies for macro-insurance through the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company (PCRIC). The workshop focused on supporting countries in the development of their money-out disbursement plans. In-country workshops are currently underway to finalise and validate the disbursement plans.

Social Protection

- WFP is conducting disability research in Tonga to support the Ministry of Internal Affairs in assessing the experiences of persons with disabilities in the context of disasters. The research explores emergency preparedness, access to food security and nutrition support, social protection services, and the role of cash transfers.

Partnerships

- In August, WFP Pacific Representative and Country Director, Alpha Bah, met with the Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga, Hon. Dr. Taniela Fusimalohi, and the Minister for Trade and Economic Development, Hon. Kapelieli Lanumata, during their visit to Fiji. The meeting reaffirmed WFP's partnership with the Government of Tonga in advancing national and regional priorities on food security, nutrition, and emergency preparedness.

Donors

Australia, France, Global Shield Financing Facility, the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), other United Nations funds and agencies

Operational Updates

Food Security and Nutrition

- The Samoa Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and WFP conducted a [Cost of the Diet Analysis in Samoa: An Analysis of the Cost and Affordability of Diets, Nutrient Gaps and Modelling of Interventions to Improve Diets in Samoa](#). The findings highlight the need to strengthen local food systems and align agriculture, health, education, and trade policies. A coordinated, multisectoral approach is essential to ensure all Samoans have access to affordable and nutritious diets.
- Following a June mission to support the Government of Nauru in analysing and developing strategies to reduce food supply shocks and their impacts on food security and nutrition, WFP conducted a follow-up mission from 7 to 11 September. During this mission, WFP developed and presented a rice supply monitoring tool to the Nauru Food Security Committee to track rice imports and consumption, and supported the Committee in strengthening coordination mechanisms to mitigate future rice shortages.