



WFP provided mentoring in Kiribati under Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Programme. WFP/Titilia Rabuka

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COUNTRY BRIEF

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP finalized two key research studies, a disability-focused study in Tonga examining the intersection of cash assistance, disasters, and disability inclusion in partnership with the Ministry of Internal Affairs to inform national shock responsive social protection (SRSP) approaches, and a comprehensive Disaster Risk Financing /SRSP feasibility study in the Republic of the Marshall Islands with Global Shield, assessing the social protection landscape - policies, systems, programmes, and identifying ways to integrate SRSP principles for greater shock responsiveness.
- As part of emergency preparedness and response efforts in Nauru, supported by the Government of Australia, WFP developed a Rice Supply Monitoring Tool to track food supply patterns and identify risk of shocks. The tool enables real-time monitoring of rice imports and national consumption, strengthening early warning and decision-making by the Government of Nauru, including the Nauru Food Security Committee and the Food Security Technical Working Group. It also supports timely responses to fluctuations in supply, helping to anticipate and mitigate potential rice shortages and enhance national food security preparedness.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- 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, hazards such as twin cyclones in Vanuatu compounded ongoing challenges from pandemic lockdowns and the global food crisis. Analysis shows PICTs are unlikely to achieve any Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, due to rising inequality, inadequate public services, and the climate crisis.
- WFP's [2023-2027 Multi Country Strategic Plan](#) aligns with the Blue Pacific 2050 Strategy, the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2023-2027), and 14 country implementation plans, representing the main strategic engagement between the United Nations development system and Pacific governments. WFP will support 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.



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OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Supply Chain

- Under the Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Programme (PHWP), WFP provided mentoring to the Humanitarian Logistics Support Officer in Kiribati, focusing on strengthening warehouse management practices and operational readiness.
- WFP, in partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC), supported the Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in advancing the implementation of humanitarian Logistics Management Information System (LMIS). This included working with the NDMO to validate LMIS requirements, ensuring localisation and procurement readiness, and establishing the necessary governance arrangements for effective LMIS procurement and rollout.

Emergency Telecommunications

- At the request of the Government of Nauru, coordinated by WFP with the support of Global Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC), and FITTEST, a mission was deployed to the Republic of Nauru from 5 to 12 December 2025. The mission aimed to assist the National Emergency Services (NES) with the inspection of the national emergency radio network (VHF and HF) donated by WFP in 2022, and to provide training on its maintenance and use.

Food Security and Nutrition

- WFP facilitated the Vanuatu Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) and desktop SIMEX workshop on 2 - 3 December 2025 aiming to strengthen capacities of the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) members through practical application of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and tools. In coordination with Vanuatu's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity (MALFFB) and partner agencies such as National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and FAO, roles and responsibilities were clarified for coordinated action before, during and after potential shocks and disasters.

Disaster Risk Financing

- WFP facilitated a national disbursement planning workshop in Samoa to support implementation of the country's macro-insurance policy. The resulting disbursement plan was finalized and submitted to the Global Shield for review.
- Four national macro-insurance tripartite agreements were signed between WFP, PCRIC, and respective governments, strengthening regional disaster risk financing arrangements..

Adaptive Social Protection

- WFP supported the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection in Fiji to design and establish a Social Protection Helpline, strengthening accountability to affected populations. A training workshop was delivered to familiarize Ministry staff with the new system.
- In Tonga, WFP conducted a feasibility assessment of the Ministry of Internal Affairs' existing complaints and feedback mechanism and provided recommendations to enhance its effectiveness going forward.
- The Pacific Regional Cash Working Group (PRCWG) Strategic Workplan 2026–28 was endorsed, providing a clear regional roadmap for strengthening cash and voucher assistance in the region. The workplan aligns with global humanitarian cash coordination guidance and best practice, setting collective priorities, clarifying roles and deliverables of partners.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)



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