



WFP Pacific Islands



COUNTRY BRIEF

April 2026

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Successive cyclones in April disrupted infrastructure in the Pacific. WFP deployed emergency telecommunications and coordination support. At the Government's request, WFP's Senior Telecommunications Specialist assessed the VHF and HF radio network in Chuuk State and will help restore basic emergency communications where possible.
- WFP and SPC launched the Pacific's first accredited humanitarian supply chain and logistics training.
- WFP completed a disability-focused emergency survey in Tonga.
- WFP is assisting Fiji to create a Social Protection Helpline for transparent information and feedback, set to launch by April 2026.

IN NUMBERS



Mid-Term Review workshop reviewed JP RWEE achievements, lessons learned, and future priorities.



17 participants attended a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) training in Nauru



USD 4.1M required in the next six months (APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2026)

Humanitarian Logistics

- WFP and the Pacific Community (SPC) signed a Letter of Agreement in February to develop the Pacific's first accredited training programme in humanitarian supply chain and logistics, aiming to build a regional cadre of logisticians. The agreement supports the integration of specialised Humanitarian Supply Chain and Logistics (HSC&L) modules into the Certificate IV in Disaster Risk Management (Team Leadership), equipping emergency management professionals with practical skills in logistics coordination and supply chain management.
- WFP completed a disability focused research survey in Tonga assessing the experiences of persons with disabilities during emergencies. The research provides actionable recommendations for the Government and partners to improve the design and delivery of disability inclusive interventions. A mission is planned to Tonga in May to discuss improved accessibility and inclusivity in cash assistance, and how findings from the study on the intersection of cash, disasters, and disability inclusion can inform the design and implementation of more inclusive, shock responsive social protection systems in the country.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Supply Chain

- Under the Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Program (PHWP), WFP partnered with SPC to jointly facilitate Warehouse Process Mapping missions in Nauru and Tuvalu. The exercises reviewed and mapped existing warehouse systems, workflows, documentation, and key actors, identifying opportunities to strengthen practices and enhance national logistics efficiency, accountability, and overall preparedness.
- In partnership with the Nauru National Emergency Services, WFP facilitated a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) training in Nauru, providing 17 participants with hands on experience in the assembly and disassembly of rapid deployment warehouses. Delivered through a learning by doing approach, the training strengthened practical skills and confidence in managing emergency storage solutions, contributing to improved national preparedness and greater self-reliance in disaster response.

Emergency Telecommunications

- Alongside the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and Ministry of Communication and Aviation (MCA), WFP conducted an ICT Capacity Assessment mission in the Solomon Islands from 9 to 14 March 2026. The purpose of the assessment was to better understand existing information and communication capacities that support emergency preparedness and response, and to identify gaps, challenges, and opportunities for strengthening coordination among humanitarian partners.
- WFP held extensive consultations with Honiara based government ministries in Solomon Islands, United Nations agencies, private sector partners, and other key stakeholders. These discussions focused on how communication systems are currently used during emergencies, how partners coordinate and share information, and where improvements could enhance collective response efforts. Findings from the mission will inform practical recommendations to strengthen coordination capacity, improve connectivity and information sharing, and guide

future ETC support and planning in the Solomon Islands.

Adaptive Social Protection

- In Fiji, WFP has been supporting the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection to design a Social Protection Helpline aimed at strengthening accountability and transparency to affected populations. The two-way communication helpline provides a formal channel for beneficiaries and vulnerable households to access information on social protection services and to submit feedback or raise concerns, contributing to more inclusive service delivery. The helpline is expected to become operational by April 2026.
- Under the Joint Programme on Accelerating Progress toward the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women (JP RWEE) in the Pacific (2022–2027), implemented in Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, and Tonga, WFP activities contribute to improving the availability and use of food security and nutrition data. This supports evidence-based analysis of increased women's income and economic autonomy, strengthened women's leadership and voice, and the promotion of a more gender responsive enabling environment. As the programme reached its mid-point, two WFP staff participated in the two-day Mid Term Review (MTR) workshop, providing constructive feedback on progress achieved and reflecting on lessons learned across the four participating countries, as well as on operational constraints and contextual challenges inherent in geographically dispersed and remote island environments. The workshop marked an important strategic milestone for JP RWEE in the Pacific to consolidate results, strengthen partnerships, and define clear and realistic priorities for the remaining implementation period.

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