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A. HIGHLIGHTS

- The Government established Joint Oversight Committee (OSC) for COVID-19 under the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet maintains its role in providing strategic direction.
- Solomon Islands remains under a “**State of Public Emergency**” (SOE) declared by His Excellency, the Governor General. The SOE has been further extended for another four months starting from 25th March 2020.
- “**Honiara (Alligator Creek to Poha River) declared as the Emergency Zone**” by the Honourable Prime Minister on Friday 27th March 2020.
- “**Restriction of movement of small craft vessels declared for Solomon Islands Papua New Guinea Boarder**” by the Honourable Prime Minister on 8th April 2020 under Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulation 2020.
- National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) and Provincial Emergency Operations Centres for all Provinces including Honiara City Municipality remains on “Full-On Activation mode” to support national and provincial coordination.
- National Disaster Operations Sector Committees (N-DOC Sectors) and Provincial Disaster Sector Committee (P-DOC) remains on Full-On Activation Mode.
- Provincial Disaster Committees (PDCs’)/Provincial Disaster Operations Committees (P-DOCs’) on all ten Provinces and Honiara Municipality (HCC) has stepped up preparedness for response to COVID-19.

GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

The numbers are based on WHO Situation Report 127 as at 26th May 2020 (total new cases in the last 24 hours)

Globally

5 404 512 confirmed (99 780)

343 514 deaths (1486)

Western Pacific Region

175 397 confirmed (878)

6902 deaths (23)

Countries/territories/areas affected

213

Countries with no Confirmed Cases

North Korea, Turkmenistan, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Tonga, Marshall Islands, Palau, Tuvalu, Nauru

- To date, the country has NO CONFIRMED CASES of COVID-19.
- N-DOC Health SOLMAT Team 2 deployed on 14th of May, 2020 to support border operations.
- 2x GeneXpert for COVID-19 testing are operational.
- 2 x qPCR for COVID-19 testing are being set up and will be operational soon
- N-DOC Education confirms all schools are set to resume classes.
- A lockdown on the declared Emergency Zone (Alligator Creek to Poha Bridge) was conducted on Wednesday 6pm to Friday 6am as part of Solomon Islands Government (SIG) preparedness in testing its capability and capacity should there be a confirmed case in the country.
- EKSASAES ALEAN LOKDAON coded “EALD20” was conducted during the lockdown as part of the Government’s overall preparedness and Response Plan against COVID-19.
- Lessons Learnt Workshop held on Monday 26th May, 2020 on the EKSASAES AELAN LOKDAON for sectors and agencies involved.
- National Emergency Response Team (NERT) 2nd deployment to Western and Choiseul Provinces to provide surge capacity support in the border operations.
- First repatriation flight for stranded nationals and essential foreign TAs commenced yesterday, 26th May 2020 with 74 flown in from Brisbane. Second repatriation flight is scheduled for today 27th May, 2020.

B. CURRENT SITUATION

Solomon Island remains COVID-19 FREE to date. Solomon Islands through RSIPF continue manning our Western border with Papua New Guinea given the potential high-risk area of importation of COVID-19 through this border.

The Government also remains committed to implementing strict measures to prevent the importation and potential spread of COVID-19 within its borders. First repatriation flight of nationals stranded overseas commenced yesterday, 26th May 2020. Among passengers who arrived yesterday are some foreign essential TAs for Tina Hydropower Project and State Owned Enterprises and diplomats cleared by the Government to enter the country. The second repatriation flight for stranded nationals in Fiji and Vanuatu is confirmed for Wednesday 27th May. All passengers from COVID affected countries will be quarantined for 28 days and passengers from non – COVID-19 affected countries will be quarantined for 14 days. Essential cargo flights are also being done on need-basis to support COVID-19 operations. International trade continue with Honiara and Noro operating with strict measures in place for all incoming foreign vessels.

On-going responses by N-DOC Sector Committees continue based on the Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19. These sector responses have been extended to provinces including coordination through the Provincial Disaster Management arrangements.

C. SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- Oversight Committee established by Cabinet to provide strategic direction on a whole-of-government planning and response to COVID-19 continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss relevant measures.
- The **State of Public Emergency** declared on the 25th March 2020 has extended to another four months as of Wednesday 08th April 2020. The four months extension commenced on 25th March 2020.
- N-DOC Sector Committees are stepping up in their COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plans (PRP) with the focus on broader socio-economic impacts at both the national and provincial levels.
- Budget for implementation of the Preparedness and Response Plan has been allocated to the respective lead ministries of N-DOC Committees (MAL, MEHRD, MHMS, MWYCFA, MID, MPNSCS & MECDM).
- N-DOC Health Sector Committee is leading the health aspect of COVID-19 with broader coordination through the N-DOC arrangements.
- N-DOC Camp Management Sector Committee continues to manage all Institutional Quarantine Sites (IQFs). All IQFs are in a state of operational readiness should there be need for quarantining.
- National Emergency Response Team (NERT) support to the Guadalcanal Province EOC and Camp Management EOC remains.
- RSIPF step-up boarder security as part of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulation 2020 that restricts movement of small crafts on the Solomon Islands-PNG border.
- Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development confirm resumption of classes to begin on 27th April 2020 for Forms 3, 5 & 6 in non-emergency zones.
- Government through the Oversight Committee continues with its weekly Sunday Radio Talk Back Show based on the messaging strategy of 'UMI TOGETA AGAINST COVID 19'. The latest talk back shows were to inform the public on Lockdown update, Repatriation of stranded Nationals, SIG stimulus package, Opening of Development Bank of Solomon Islands (DBSI), Opening of schools at Emergency Zones, COVID-19 testing capability of SIG and Establishment of additional Institutional Quarantine Facilities (IQFs).
- First repatriation flight for stranded nationals in Australia and New Zealand has commenced yesterday, 26th May 2020 through the Brisbane - Honiara route.
- Second repatriation flight is scheduled for today, 27th May, 2020.
- A lockdown on the declared Emergency Zone (Alligator Creek to Poha Bridge) was conducted on Wednesday 20th May 6pm to Friday 22nd May 6am as part of Solomon Islands Government (SIG) preparedness in testing its capability and capacity should there be a confirmed case in the country.
- An exercise named "EKSASAES AELAN LOKDAON", coded "EALD20" was conducted during the lockdown period. This simulated lockdown exercise as part of the Government's overall preparedness and Response Plan against COVID-19, was implemented by SIG frontline officers and agency partners to test the N-DOC Arrangements, specifically N-DOC Health in conducting contact tracing and surveillance through their various Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for COVID-19 cases. The exercise also involved the testing of other N-DOC Sector Committees and other Agencies SOPs on safe food distribution channels, management of Institutional Quarantine Facilities (IQFs), protection issues for COVID-19 cases, safety and security, and overall inter-agency coordination.
- A Lessons Learnt Workshop was also conducted following EKSASAES ALEN LOKDAON on the 26th May, 2020 with representatives from SIG and partner agencies. The workshop was carried out to evaluate;
 - i. Specific skills, tasks, knowledge and attitude within each of the sectors involved
 - ii. Emergency policies, plans, SOPs for specific sector and across different sectors (interoperability)
 - iii. The operational readiness of different sectors to respond to reported COVID-19 cases in Solomon Islands
 - iv. Chain of command, roles and responsibilities within a sector and across different sectors as well as at different decision- making levels
- V. Public reaction and cooperation to lockdown measures.

D. N-DOC SECTOR COMMITTEE UPDATES

D1. CAMP MANAGEMENT SECTOR COMMITTEE (Institutional Quarantine Facilities)

- Camp Management Sector Committee (CMSC) Team continues to roll out its SOPs.
- Guadalcanal Beach Resort (GBR) has six persons undergoing quarantine.
- Institutional Quarantine Facilities (IQF) Management team is undergoing preparations of overseas stranded Nationals and other persons who are on the incoming 1st repatriation flight commencing today 26th May 2020.
- SIG has established Airport Motel, Honiara Hotel and Access Apartment as additional IQFs. Total IQFs that are now operational are GBR, Access Apartments, Vimo Apartments, Airport Motel, Pacific Casino, National Hosting Authority (formerly Telekom Recreational Centre) and Honiara Hotel (refer to annexe).
- CMSC Team also collaborated in the EKSASAES AELAN LOKDAON to test its capability in handling persons undergoing quarantine.

Table 1: Summary details of IQF as of 26/05/2020

IQF	No. of Rooms	Bed Capacity	Current Occupancy	Male	Female	Available Bed Capacity
Guadalcanal Beach Resort (GBR)	58	82	31	30	1	51
VIMO Apartments	8	11				11
National Hosting Authority	5	16				16
Airport Motel	9	16	6		6	10
Pacific Casino Hotel	56	56	12	11	1	44
Honiara Hotel	30	45	13	13		32 (reserved for TAs and they meet their own costs during quarantine)
Access Apartments	8	8	10	7	3	
TOTAL	174	234	72	61	11	164

D2. HEALTH SECTOR COMMITTEE

- N-DOC Health Team with support from WHO continues its roll out programs to five provinces (Malaita, Central, Isabel, Western, Renbel and Choiseul) to support with COVID-19 preparedness.
- N-DOC Health continues to coordinate with its partners to strengthen preparedness through collaboration with partners such as WHO, UNICEF, DFAT, MFAT, World Bank and Peoples Republic Of China, big ticket items such as Quarantine sites, isolation/triage sites, COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity and procurement of PPEs and Medical Equipment and supplies such as ventilators have been achieved and/or are in progress.

- N-DOC Health continues to coordinate and collaborate with other N-DOC Committees and Government ministries, State Owned Enterprises, private business houses, Faith Based Organizations, P-DOCs and PHEOCs and Civil Society groups for an integrated preparedness response to the COVID-19.

D2.1 National Health Emergency Operations Centre (NHEOC)

- N-HEOC continues to lead and strengthen multi-sectoral coordination.
- Reviewing of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to align with Lockdown SOP expected to be finalized by today, 19th May 2020. This includes team rosters, vehicle passes, logistics, and communications for the proposed lockdown.
- Conducted Infection and Prevention Control (IPC) training on 11th May, 2020 for SafeNET staff on preventative measures, PPE donning and doffing, environmental cleaning and hand hygiene.
- Conducted training on COVID-19, IPC, Surveillance (contact tracing, case definition), Triage and Isolation set up and patient flow and Risk Communication for Renbel health professionals and P-DOC members at Tigoa Station and in communities. Training completed by PHESU staff in coordination with Renbel PHEOC Team.
- Ongoing training in Auki for health professionals.

D2.2 Integration with Key Stakeholders

- ICTSU project launch with MHMS, Solomon Telekom and SATSOL in which ICTSU have set up equipment for internet connectivity in Nila, Shortland Islands. RSIPF supported with transportation of ICTSU equipment. ICTSU services are now live in Shortland Islands.
- SOLMAT Team 1 have returned from their 14-day deployment to Shortlands and conducted face to face hand over with SOLMAT Team 2 now deployed to continue support in the border operations. Team 2 conducted briefing with National Joint Security Team and Church and Community leaders in Kulitani, Shortlands, before beginning their operations.
- NHEOC, N-DOC and RSIPF collaborated to develop concept note and SOP for the proposed lockdown on the 16th May 2020. Lock down Concept note and SOPs finalized all health response teams have been required to align their SOPs accordingly.
- Collaborated in the EKSASAES AELEN LOKDAON with other partner Agencies.
- Supported Solomon Islands National University (SINU) draft SOPs in preparation for reopening.
- Provided input to Ministry of Education Schools re-opening SOPs – particularly around IPC and WASH.

D2.3 Implementing COVID-19 Surveillance & Response

- SOPs for Contact Tracing, Flow charts and Risk Metrics is completed and submitted for approval by the Senior Executive team of MHMS.
- Contact tracing teams currently being established.
- Event based case reporting continues. The team continues to monitor reports and daily surveillance of any reported influenza like illnesses.
- National Referral Hospital (NRH) Dengue Molecular Laboratory ready to GeneXpert testing now operational.
- Construction completed at the NRH Dengue Laboratory. qPCR machines have been installed and anticipating to go live soon.
- Training is currently on-going with laboratory staff for this week on software training, calibration, collection and testing samples training. This is supported by WHO and other partners.
- Official hand over of infrastructure and machines tomorrow, 20th May at 12pm with People Republics of China, DFAT and WHO.

D2.4 Prevention & Containment of Outbreak

- Rosters for Triage and Isolation Teams prepared in readiness for proposed lockdown.
- Team leaders' clinical training with staff continues, coordinating with regional clinical teams in the Pacific.
- Solomon Islands international borders remain closed.
- SOP for first repatriation of overseas stranded nationals completed on 17th May, 2020. SOP was reviewed and used during first repatriation on 26th May.

D2.5 Risk Communication & Public Awareness

- House to house visits completed on 16th May, 2020 around Honiara municipality. HCC will continue with remaining communities that may have been missed.
- Risk Communication team continues to deliver key health messages to the public through posters, pamphlets Solomon Telekom Television and Facebook.
- Ongoing support is from WHO and UNICEF on printing IEC materials and volunteers of local NGOs in the community awareness raising.

D2.6 Provincial Reports

D2.6.1 Honiara City Health Services

- Ground work for White River Clinic renovation ongoing.
- Conducted water samplings on all clinics. Results confirmed samples within WHO standard.
- Joint team for school assessments with Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWASH).
- General market cleanup on Central Market.
- UNICEF distribution of hygiene kits for some clinics within Honiara municipality. Kit contains 3 buckets, container and packs of soap. Similar items are also distributed to schools.

D2.6.2 Guadalcanal Province

- Planning and coordination continues.
- Trainings on case definitions for nurses in the emergency zones have been completed.
- Training on case definitions, IPC and PPE completed for 12 rural health clinics and 19 health care workers (Avu'Avu, Barainaho, Madakacho, Kuma, Koleula, Viso, Mbiti, Wanderer Bay, Fox Bay, Tangarare, Tiaro).
- Training for nurses and COVID-19 awareness in the weather coast.
- Risk Communication tracking team completed 400 households to monitor information dissemination in the defined emergency zones.

D2.6.3 Rennell & Bellona Province

- Linkages established with P-DOC to support coordination demand of operations at community level.
- Risk Communication training completed with 20 community based focal persons for both Rennell and Bellona and have been tasked to engage in COVID-19 awareness at the community level.
- Risk communication awareness risk assessment also completed at mining camp sites to assess the risk of importation of COVID-19 through the foreign workers at the mine. Recommendation was made for all vessels to be quarantined for 14 days prior to docking, reducing contact with at risk mining workers, minimizing locals and health workers boarding vessels.

- IPC – procurement of IPC tools done, waste disposal site for Bellona and Tigoa Isolation wards in process to be finalized. Construction of Tigoa AHC hand hygiene stations is underway. Discussion is underway with the Provincial Government for Tigoa township hygiene with the plans to locate water supply standing pipes to designated sites around Tigoa Station as an action to improve access for hand washing by the public.
- Trainings for all clinical nurses on case definitions and clinical management for Provincial and mining camp nurses conducted on the 29th April – 6th May, 2020 for Rennell and Bellona nurses.
- Isolation and quarantine sites:
 - Bellona – A newly built clinic with capacity of 7 beds identified for isolation. An Existing rental rest house with 10 beds will be used for quarantine site
 - Tegano RHC staff use will be used for isolation ward. Quarantine facility will be at the Lavangu Port and Tigoa Station
 - Tigoa Isolation ward is an existing building and the quarantine facility is a 10 bed self-contained rest house at Tigoa Station
 - An Ongoing discussion is done with the Mining Company health team and management for the possibility of having their own isolation and quarantine facilities.
 - All identified facilities are subject to MHMS technical teams’ verification and confirmations.
- MHMS COVID-19 Budget first trench will be used for, Training, Risk Communication and Initial arrangements for Isolation and quarantine facilities.
- Procurement and shipment of additional infection control items, including additional furniture’s, fuel supplies to support the current clinical services were done.
- Received verbal assurance from the Mining Company Health management team for the donation of PPE’s and medical equipment’s for Province.

D2.6.3 Choiseul Province

- Planning and coordination with PHEOC and P-DOC continues.
- Save The Children and Health Promotion Team conducted awareness on schools in South Choiseul.
- Risk Communication team continues to deliver key health messages to the public through posters and pamphlets.
- Work on normal Triage have commenced on the 18th of May, 2020.
- Issues and Gaps:
 - Resource support from the National Level is slow
 - Call for more attention to Provincial Level
 - Need technical support on Isolation and Quarantine Sites (Infrastructure).

D2.6.4 Isabel Province

- Planning and coordination with PHEOC and P-DOC continues.
- Risk Communication team continues to deliver key health messages to the public through posters and pamphlets.
- Issues and Gaps:
 - Laboratory assessment completed. General lab does not meet the standard setup.
 - GeneXpert not installed at the moment.
 - Lack of ventilation system in the lab for air circulation.
 - No PPE Stock – team is working with NMS to access supplies.
 - Awaiting response from PHESU team for COVID-19 training package.

- Awaiting SOP from NRH for Imaging.
- Discussion and planning underway for quarantine, Isolation and Triage sites, however requires support.

D2.6.5 Makira Ulawa Province

- Two trainings have been conducted for community nurses, hospital nurse, allied health workers and hospital support staff on risk assessment and case definition.
- Eight communities have established their preparedness plan and drawn up control measures for their communities – copies sent to PHEOC.
- Surveillance tour conducted on the 20th – 24th April to capacitate nurses on case definition and introduce preparedness plan for communities.
- Designated seaports for logging ships in Makira identified. These are Piapia, Namuga, Su'umoli and Kirakira.
- Risk Communication Team completed awareness on township with clinic nurses covering their catchment areas when doing satellite clinic outreaches.
- PHEOC engaged with stakeholders such as Education, Churches, World Vision, P-DOC and Police on COVID-19 awareness.
- Clinical management training underway for hospital nurses and paramedics.
- Triage and Isolation Sites identified. Yet to be assessed by P-DOC Infrastructure team.
- Proposed quarantine sites identified with assessments ongoing.
- Tawaraha Community have identified own quarantine site as part of their preparedness plan.
- Mass clinic conducted at Kirakira Township.

D2.6.6 Western Province

- Joint boarder operations are still ongoing with efforts by the SOLMAT and PHEOC Rapid Response Team nearing completion. Triage has been placed with plans in place for Isolation setup.
- Kariki Rural Health Clinic with support from Taro Hospital is operational again and is supporting in the COVID-19 response.
- Risk Communication Team have completed 90% of Western Province with ongoing risk awareness. Few communities left in around Marovo Lagoon.
- Issues and Gaps:
 - Betel-nut stalls and cigarette vendors have flooded Gizo town again after weeks of being banned by the Provincial Council as part of its social distancing and public health measures to fight COVID 19.
 - Clubs have also re-opened over the weekend with mass gathering once again reintroduced into society. This all stemmed from a government public address through the radio and through an internal notice stipulating the fact that Provincial Government has very little power when it comes to a declared state of emergency and as such measures put in place by the province in light of COVID-19 has no weight.

D3. INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR COMMITTEE

- Infrastructure Sector Committee under the leadership of Ministry of Infrastructure and Development (MID) continues to implement its Preparedness Response Plan (PRP) to support SIG as whole of Government response in addressing COVID-19.
- Collaborated in the Lockdown period and the EKSASAES AELAN LOKDAON with the provision of logistics to support Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) and RSIPF.

- Team was able to pool a number of SIG vehicles to assist in RSIPF operations during the Lockdown.
- Conducted site inspections and maintenance in IQFs.
- MID support to NERT deployment by providing 2 of its staff to conduct site assessment and inspection on identified IQFs in Western and Choiseul Provinces.

D4. LIVELIHOOD SECTOR COMMITTEE

- Distribution of seedlings for Honiara residences have commenced on the 6th of May 2020, starting with 10 residents.
- Distribution will roll in the coming days according to when seedlings are ready for transplanting.
- SBD 2.7 million funding partnership with Sape Farm for mass planting of root crops.
- N-DOC Livelihood Sector Committee (LSC) have successfully carried out the "Safe Food Channels" exercise during last Thursday's lock down in Honiara. It was a combined simulation exercise involving LSC, Honiara Central Market Vendors Association (HCMVA) and RSIPF. The exercise involved acquiring food stocks from outside the emergency boundaries and delivered at the N-DOC Livelihood Operation Center in Honiara before final distributions to recipients.

D5. EDUCATION SECTOR COMMITTEE

- Collaborated in the EKSASAES AELAN LOKDAON as part of its capability and capacity.
- School readiness workshop for Principals, Head teachers and ECE Supervisors in emergency zones within Honiara and selected schools in Guadalcanal Province was jointly conducted by N-DOC Education and N-DOC Health. The purpose was to ensure schools prepare their COVID-19 Preparedness, Response and Recovery Action plans.
- Specific WinS (WASH in Schools) assessment with the use of Akvo flow assessment tool for National Secondary Schools (Boarding) within Honiara and Guadalcanal including King George the Sixth, Selwyn college, St Joseph's Tenaru and Betikama Adventist College was carried out as of Friday 8th May 2020 by MEHRD N-DOC and MEHRD (WASH in Schools)WinS teams.
- MEHRD as per circular Ref:8/covid-19/2020, dated 8th of May 2020 has informed Education Authorities operating in Guadalcanal Province from Aruligo Westwards side (except Selwyn College) and GPPOL eastwards side (except for St Joseph Tenaru NSS) to resume classes on Monday 11th May 2020.
- MEHRD as per circular Ref:8/covid-19/2020, dated 8th of May 2020 MEHRD has informed All Education Authorities, Principals, Head Teachers, ECE Supervisor, Parents and Guardians through the country that:
 - All Forms 3, 5 and 6 in Honiara schools to resume class on Monday 18th May 2020
 - All Exam Classes Form 3, 5, 6 schools in Provincial Emergency Zone areas; Shortland's, Munda, Noro, Gizo, Taro surrounding Schools to resume class on Monday 18th May 2020
 - All other Year Levels, Classes or Forms from ECE, Primary School, Form 1, 2, 4 of Honiara Schools and other Provincial Emergency Zone Areas (Shortland's, Munda, Noro, Gizo, Taro surrounding Schools) , to resume classes on 25th May 2020
 - Teachers in Honiara Schools and other Emergency Zones in the Provinces are asked to return to respective schools to prepare for resumption of classes
 - Exam Classes (Form 3, 5, 6) of National Secondary Schools (NSS) Boarding Schools; Selwyn College, St Joseph's Tenaru, Betikama Adventist College, King George Six School and Goldie College will resume classes on 18th May 2020
 - Boarding Schools (Selwyn College, St Joseph's Tenaru, Betikama Adventist College, King George Six School and Goldie College) Classes for Form 1, 2 & 4, will resume on 25th May 2020.
- **Learning Continuity Updates**

- Radio Program for Learning Continuity from Monday May 11th - Friday May 15th 2020 were as follows:
 - i. Monday: Early Childhood and Pre-Primary Year. Topic was on ‘Talking and Listening Skills’, ‘Children’s Songs and Rhymes’. Important for Parents on developing these skills with children.
 - ii. Tuesday: Years 1-3. Topic was on ‘Health, Personal Hygiene, Practices’ (Hand washing).
 - iii. Wednesday: Years 4-6. Topic was on ‘Living and appreciating our environment; Who and where you are in place and time’.
 - iv. Thursday: Junior High school. Topic was on ‘Integrated Learning Healthy Living Awareness and Good practices’.
 - v. Friday: Senior Secondary. Topic was on ‘Integrated Learning (History, geography and Development Studies) Urbanisation and Urban Drift’ (continuation from last week).
- The Learning Continuity Radio Program Broadcasting times remain as follows:
 - Monday to Friday 9:00am – 9:30am
 - Replayed every day at 7:30 pm - 8:00pm
- Issues and Gaps:
 - Joint MEHRD and MHMS Risk Assessment Survey shows the reality of our school context in Honiara. Results provided justification for the Solomon Islands Government through the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, together with UNICEF and Education key Donor Partners to address this issue by committing funds to ensure that schools meet the required minimum WASH Standards and ensure good hygienic practices are systematically enforced, managed and sustained.

D6. PROTECTION SECTOR COMMITTEE

- Deployed a team to Provinces Western (Gizo and Shortlands) and Choiseul (Taro) on the 5-18th of May, 2020 to help coordinate and setup P-DOC Protection Sector Committees for the two Provinces.
- Helped raised issues on safety and security of Women, Gender Based Violence (GBV), Child Support and Persons with Special Needs with P-DOC Camp Management Sector Committees.
- Team is also currently supporting N-DOC Camp Management Sector Committee IQF Management Team on repatriation of stranded Nationals commencing today, 26th May 2020.
- Collaborated in the EKSASAES AELAN LOKDAON as part of its capability and capacity.

D7. SAFETY AND SECURITY

D7.1 ROYAL SOLOMON ISLANDS POLICE FORCE (RSIPF)

- Police Operations Centre (POC) with the support of the National Emergency Management Special Events Planning (NEMSEP) maintains performing the coordination role regarding safety and security on SIG COVID-19 response.
- Commissioner’s weekly press conference continues and remains an important avenue to inform the public on the current engagement of RSIPF regarding the whole of SIG response on COVID-19.
- Provincial Police Commanders (PCCs) effectively performing their role as the Chair of the Provincial Disaster Operations Committee (P-DOC) in all ten Provinces including Honiara Municipality (HCC).
- RSIPF resources and personnel at the Solomon Islands Border continues to provide logistical support as a whole of SIG response in its COVID-19 border operations.
- **Lockdown Operations:**

- Executed the Lockdown Order for the declared Emergency Zones during the lockdown period.
- Established nine (9) check points within the emergency zone under the command of Honiara or Guadalcanal Police Forward Command Post.
- Compliance/Roving Teams patrolled respective zones under the command of Honiara or Guadalcanal Police Forward Command Post.
- Maritime conducting sea patrols.
- Fire and Rescue on duty at their staging locations.
- Honiara Central Response Unit supported Health as required under the command of the Honiara Police Forward Command Post.
- Investigation Team managed custody/arrest plan under the command of the Honiara Police Forward Command Post.
- National Response Department provided arm support capability.
- Standby to support in the event of occurrence of the natural or man-made disaster.
- Explosive Ordinance Department to provide Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) clearance.
- Collaborated in the EKSASAES AELAN LOKDAON as part of its capability and capacity in providing safety and security.
- **RSIPF Maritime:**
 - RSIPV Gizo departed Kulitana anchorage (Shortland Islands) to conduct another routine border patrol along the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea border.
- **Police Response Team (PRT):**
 - PRT continues to conduct high visibility patrols around Honiara Municipality.
 - PRT continues to assist and engage in border operations.
 - Team are also on standby for any emerging information or situation that might trigger disorder.

D7.1A. RSIPF PROVINCIAL RESPONSES

Western Province

- Gizo Police Officers conducted awareness at the Gizo Market.
- Noro Police Officers conducted sea patrol to incoming foreign vessels anchored at Noro Harbour. Police also conducted awareness talks to shipping agents to advice locals not to interact with foreign vessels undergoing quarantine.
- Ringi Police Officers conducted awareness to public at Ringi Wharf
- Team consist of Police, Health, Social Welfare and Agriculture conducted awareness at Telina, Cheke, Bisuana and Ngatokae area in the Marovo Lagoon with issuance of pamphlets to the communities covered at Patukae Village. Team also plans to conduct awareness at Patutiva Village.

Choiseul Province

- P-DOC and PEOC continue step up in its COVID-19 preparations noting that the province needs to be fully equipped and well prepared as it is also sharing the border with Papua New Guinea.

Central Province

- COVID-19 Operation for Yandina and Tulagi continues.

Makira Province

- P-DOC Team with the help of Kirakira residents and working people continue on with township clean-up.
- P-DOC continues with its check-ups of passengers arriving on incoming flights.

Renbell Province

- Meeting held with Provincial head of departments as part of COVID-19 preparedness.
- Isolation Site visit conducted by health officers and PPC.

Malaita Province

- Conducted informally street awareness on the COVI-19 control measures and emphasised on social distancing practices.

All other provinces are continuing with their COVID-19 engagements.

Emerging Issues:

- PPE for Provincial Police Officers requires replenishment.

D7.2 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SOLOMON ISLANDS (CSSI)

- Thermo Scan for Provincial Correctional Centres is on process for procurement as part of COVID-19 preparedness.
- PPEs have been purchased along with communication equipment for CSSI usage.
- Awareness Teams are preparing for tours on Provincial Correctional Centres.

D7.3 VESSELS MONITORING WITHIN SOLOMON ISLANDS EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ)/WATERS

D7.3A FISHING VESSELS

The Ministry of Fisheries continues to monitor fishing vessels operating within the Solomon Islands waters, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

- **SAN LAI FA 21** - Locally based foreign longline fishing vessel. Flag in Taiwan. Vessel fishing in Solomons EEZ for the past 15 days. Last port of call was in Suva for offloading of fish on the 29th of February 2020. Expected time of arrival in Honiara is on the 20th May 2020 for offloading and inspection. Agent is Global fisheries Limited.

D7.3B CARGO VESSELS

Ships position report received at 0905hours 25/05/2020. Information supplied by Honiara Maritime Coast Radio Station (SIMSA)

No	Vessel Name	Present Position & ETA Honiara Or Noro
1	MV Expert	Noro Port
2	MV Jin Tian	Luti
3	MV Angel 202	Innocent pass – Guang Zhou, China
4	MV Bao Neng	Noro Port
5	MV BMC Alpha	ETA Noro @2020hrs, 26/05/2020
6	MV Vestaval	Na'ana
7	MV Harmony Ocean	Veuru
8	MV Laerous	Innocent pass – Suva, Fiji
9	MV Sea Aries	Siruka
10	MV Sea Adelaide	Sisiga

11	MV Sea Brave	Buma
12	MV Serenity	Habadagi
13	MV Taifu	Loloko
14	MV Victoria	Matamata
15	MV Winda	Mangkiki
16	MV Worship Light	Tapalakana
17	New Fai	Innocent pass – Tauranga, New Zealand
18	Orca Ace	Innocent pass, Yokohama, Japan
19	Sajo Alexandria	Innocent pass – Federate States of Micronesia
20	Shun Way	Lavangu

D8. SOLOMON ISLANDS RED CROSS SOCIETY (SIRC)

- SIRC continues to actively support N-DOC Sector arrangements in both national and provincial levels by engaging in all planning process setups on COVID-19.
- Continuous engagement on COVID-19 awareness on Honiara and through its Provincial Branches.
- SIRC Volunteers participated in the EKSASAES ALLEN LOKDAON as key role players in the exercise.

D9. COORDINATION (N-DOC AND NEOC)

- The N-DOC Arrangement remains the coordination mechanism for the SIG COVID-19 response as per the declaration and the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations 2020.
- N-DOC maintains lead in the SIG coordination with respective N-DOC Sector Committees leading the respective sector planning and response. Similarly, this is replicated in all the Provinces including Honiara Municipality.
- NEOC remains on Full Activation mode to support N-DOC, Sector Committees, Honiara City Council and Guadalcanal Province with respective COVID-19 and TC Harold response activities.
- NEOC is also supporting N-DOC Sectors with the development of SOPs for the planned lockdown in Honiara city. The SOP defines specific tasks for essential sectors and services to be carried out during the lockdown periods.
- National Response Emergency Team (NERT) is deploying a 2nd Team to provide surge capacity support in Western and Choiseul Provinces. Team consists of personnel from NEOC/NDMO, MID and Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (OPMC). NERT deployment is based on the request by the N-DOC, and aims to address the coordination and operational gaps at the Provincial level (P-DOC Arrangement – PEOCs and all P-DOC Sector Committees).

E. P-DOC SECTOR RESPONSE

- All Provincial Governments continue to undertake preventative measures in alignment with the National Government measures to mitigate possible importation of COVID-19.
- All Provincial Disaster Operations Committee (P-DOC) remains operational with regular meetings as part of on-going preparedness.
- On-going COVID-19 awareness in all 10 Provinces including Honiara City Council.
- All 10 Provinces have identified potential Institutional Quarantine Facilities as part of their preparedness work should COVID-19 spreads to the Provinces. A joint SIG team comprising of the NEOC, MID and Camp Management will be deployed to support the P-DOC and P-DOC Camp Management Sector Committee on conducting a training on managing Institutional Quarantine Facilities. Team will first

support Western and Choiseul due to the current level of risk of possible COVID-19 importation from neighbouring PNG.

F. OTHER NATIONAL SUPPORT

- Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce (SICCI) pledged their support to N-DOC Livelihood Committee, and their commitment to support SIG Response to COVID-19.
- SICCI will present its proposal to N-DOC for deliberation on its bid to be a member of N-DOC on a date to be confirmed. This is important opportunity for both parties given the scope of SICCI and impacts COVID-19 currently has on the business landscape.
- Australian Government funded qPCR machine has arrived safely in country. This will enable COVID-19 tests to be done locally in country. Other national support included the delivery of two fast crafts to the RSIPF to be used in the Border Operations and the installation of hand washing-basins at the RSIPF Stations in Honiara for safe hygiene preventative measures.

G. OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES AND GAPS

- Second batch of financial support to Provincial Disaster Committees (PDCs) and their Provincial Disaster Operations Committees (P-DOCs) yet to be disbursed subject to submission of acquittal of first batch of financial assistance.
- The qPCR-testing machine has been installed and operationally ready. However, it has not yet been tested as the country has zero suspect case and so the testing capability has not yet operational and tested.
- The provision of information regarding donor assistance to SIG regarding the COVID-19 response remains unclear. It is acknowledged that donors' assistance in cash and kind has significantly support the SIG response but information is not consolidated to provide the common-operating picture regarding donors' assistances.
- Provincial SOPs for COVID-19 response needs technical inputs and support from N-DOC.
- Low stock of PPEs in the Provinces.
- Limited human resources for surge capacity.
- The NRH Triage and Isolation ward still have gaps in terms of compliance with recent WHO guidelines on COVID facilities design and constructions
- Distribution of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials on house to house approach needs improving.

H. RECOMMENDATIONS

- All N-DOC Sector Committees to continue updating NEOC on the implementation of their Preparedness and Response Programmes.
- Donors/SIG stakeholders are encouraged to fill-complete and return to NEOC the SIG COVID-19 monitoring template (donor tracking matrix) with urgency to allow the SIG to build the common operating picture of the current donors assistance to SIG response.
- Progress with urgency the N-DOC Sector Committees support to all the provincial sector committees in planning, implementation and resourcing.
- Strengthening of information management, resources and tracking, reporting and monitoring of all activities implemented by N-DOC Sector Committees under the Preparedness and Response Plan.
- Prioritise and progress with urgency the establishment of the qPCR test machine and gene expert testing (COVID-19 testing facility).
- Continuation of awareness and trainings to front liners and the public on issues surrounding COVID-19.

- Continue of awareness to the public on issues relating to Stigmatizing and how this can lead to discrimination.
- Public to cooperate with Health and other Government Ministries in preparing and responding to COVID-19.
- WPDC recommends immediate increase in the capacity of health centres on the border region to cater for front-line officers and repatriated population from Honiara to villages.
- Strengthening of N-DOC Sectors to provide regular SITREPs that capture implemented activities under the PRP.
- N-DOC sectors to urgently consider identifying the weak-points of their sectors in responding across the country. In the absence of this, it will be the COVID-19 that will identify the sector weak-point.
- N-DOC to establish a mechanism to support low rating sectors so that performances can be elevated.
- 3W (Who, What, Where) matrix circulated to all N-DOC Sectors to track activities to- date to be filled up and sent to NEOC for needs analysis.

I. NEXT UPDATE

Next update will be upon availability of new information.

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Figure 1: SIG Institutional Quarantine Facilities

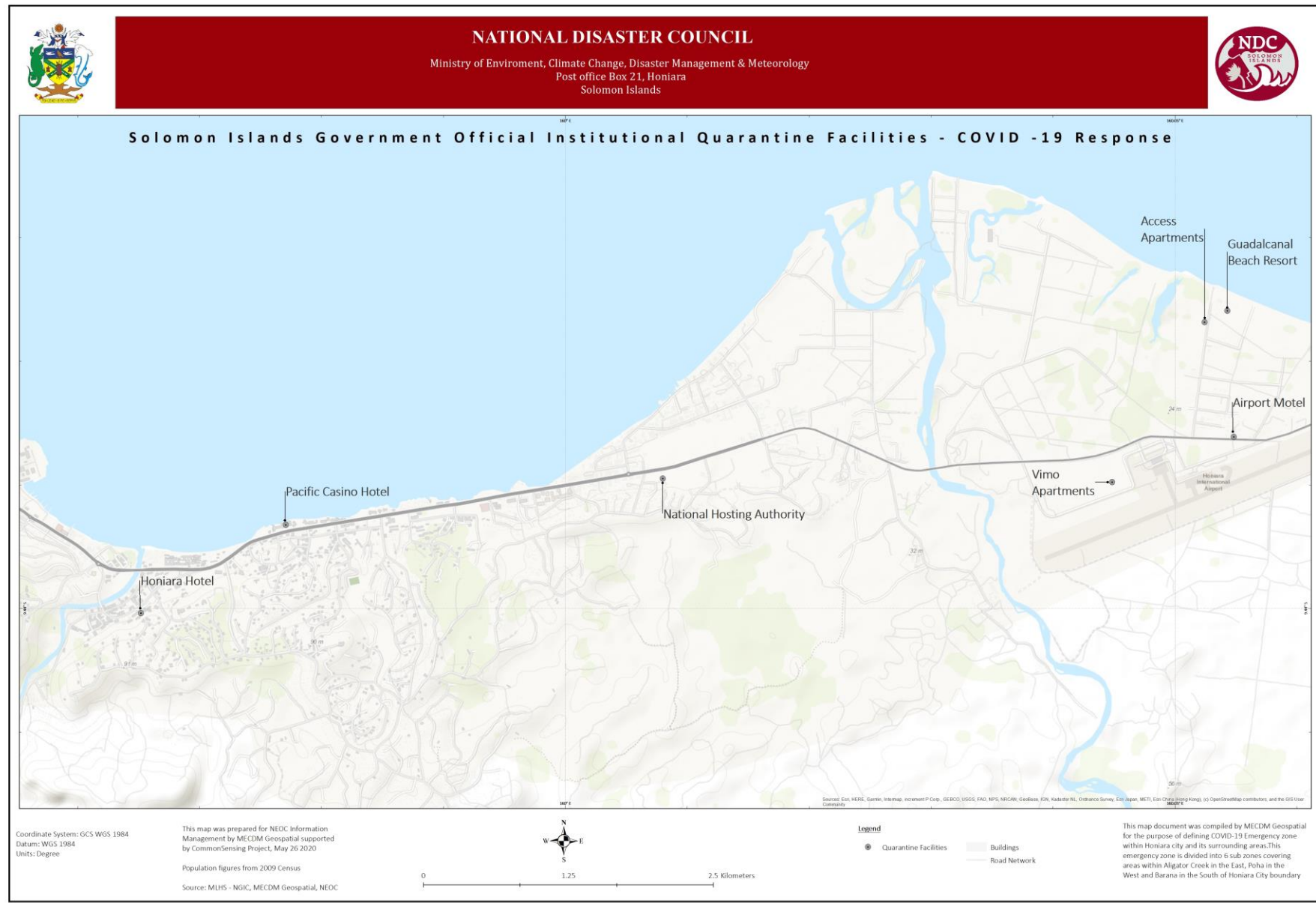




Figure 2: Passenger queuing up for temperature test while maintaining social distancing. Source: NEOC



Figure 3: Camp Management Sector Committee (IQF Management Team) undergoing preparations for incoming passengers. Source: NEOC