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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 mains 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 is further extended for another four months starting from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- “**Honiara (Alligator Creek to Poha River) declared as the Emergency Zone**” by the Honourable Prime Minister on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- “**Restriction of movement of small craft vessels declared for Solomon Islands Papua New Guinea Boarder**” by the Honourable Prime Minister on 8<sup>th</sup> 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 step up preparedness for response to COVID-19.

#### GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

The numbers are based on WHO Situation Report 105 as at 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (total new cases in the last 24 hours)

##### Globally

3 435 894 confirmed (86 108)  
239 604 deaths (976)

##### Western Pacific Region

152 773 confirmed (1329)  
6258 deaths (29)

##### Countries/territories/areas affected

213

##### Countries with no Confirmed Cases

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

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for lockdown under development by NEOC with support of specific sectors.
- As of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the country recorded NO CONFIRMED CASE of COVID-19. This was after the results of the two most recent samples sent on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 returned as NEGATIVE.
- **Solomon Islands Medical Assistance Team (SOLMAT) with National Emergency Response Team (NERT) deployed on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Western Boarder (Shortland Islands) as part of Solomon Islands Government COVID-19 preventative step-up on the Solomon Islands-Papua New Guinea Border.**

## **B. CURRENT SITUATION**

Solomon Islands remains COVID-19 FREE as of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 after the two last samples sent to the Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory (VIDRL) in Melbourne, Australia returned as NEGATIVE results. This confirms that of all the 13 samples collected through the COVID-19 Triage at the National Referral Hospital (NRH) have all tested NEGATIVE for COVID-19.

The country has received the COVID-19 testing equipment donated by the People's Republic of China (PRC) for in country testing. The equipment was airlifted into Solomon Islands from Brisbane, Australia. A qPCR (Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction) machine funded by the Australian Government has also arrived safely in the country. This will enable tests to be done locally in country.

Given that neighbouring Papua New Guinea (PNG) now has 8 Confirmed Cases of COVID-19, it is a major concern to the Solomon Islands. Recognising the traditional connections and relationships on the Solomon Islands Papua New Guinea Border, particularly in family ties and trade, the border is regarded as a potential high-risk area of possible COVID-19 importation into the country. Thus, the Solomon Islands have stepped up border security and surveillance as a preventative measure along the border in ensuring the lives, safety and security of communities living on the border, and broader Solomon Islands is protected.

Additionally, Solomon Islands nationals living in PNG, Fiji and other countries are in communication with the Government for assistance. The requests are currently being discussed and appropriate support is being facilitated through the appropriate Government Agencies and the N-DOC Sector Committees.

The Government remains committed to implementing strict measures to prevent the importation and potential spread of COVID-19 within its borders to protect its people. All overseas passenger flights are currently on hold while essential cargo flights are done on need basis's to support COVID-19 operations. Seaports Honiara and Noro continue to operate with strict measures in place at the Points of Entry.

The declaration of State of Public Emergency on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 still exists and was further extended on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 for an additional four months, commencing on the same date the declaration was proclaimed by His Excellency, the Governor General. Measures put in place to limit mass gatherings include closure of schools mainly in Honiara City and Guadalcanal Province, temporary halt on recreational activities, scaling down of non-essential public government services and voluntary repatriation of city dwellers to home.

On-going responses are the N-DOC Sector Committees planning and implementation of their operational arrangements based on the Preparedness and Response Plan that is informed by SIG's COVID-19 graded response structure for case scenarios. The case scenarios specify actions to be taken for zero up to 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19. N-DOC Sector Committees consist of Health, Camp Management (for managing of Quarantine Sites), Infrastructure, Livelihood, Protection and Education. Similar planning process is now extended to cover Honiara City as well as Guadalcanal, Central, Choiseul and Western Provinces. Both

Guadalcanal Province Honiara City shares common land boundary with both have many interdependencies of basic services and commercial activities. Thus, all Provincial planning process on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response are aim to address these issues and how N-DOC Sectors are responding. **An analysis of the operational implementation of the N-DOC Sector Committees and its distribution of responses across the country is provided in the annex (section J of this document).**

### **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.
- Government through the Office of the Prime Minister continues to conduct talk back shows aired on radio, TV and online media outlets. This is to update the country on the current Government responses to the COVID-19. **The recent talk back show was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 and was the 5<sup>th</sup> to be conducted since the State of Public Emergency was declared.**
- The **State of Public Emergency** declared on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 has extended to another four months as of Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The four months extension commenced on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 (\$137.3 million) 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 & MECMD).
- N-DOC Health Sector Committee is leading the health aspect of COVID-19 with broader coordination through the N-DOC.
- 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.
- NERT assigned with Camp Management have been deployed with the Sector Committee to Western and Choiseul Provinces on Monday 27<sup>nd</sup> April to conduct training on running a Quarantine Facility.
- Two-day dialogue was held on the 22-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 between Provincial Premiers and national government officials in Honiara to update all premiers on the measures currently undertaken to manage risks associated with COVID-19. Presentations were made on the following:
  - SOE Declaration and delineation of Honiara and Western Province as emergency zones as well as implications on Provincial Governments' roles/responsibilities
  - Economic stimulus package and proposed modalities for implementation
  - The National Disaster Management Plan 2018 and its application in COVID-19 including the compounding impacts of TC Harold
  - Health, Education, Livelihood and Security perspectives of COVID-19.
- Consultation meeting with Provincial Disaster Committee (PDC) with the team by the National Security Department conducted on the 15<sup>th</sup> April in Gizo regarding the security assessment in Shortland Islands, and the Solomon Islands maritime border with PNG.
- 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 Health and Medical Services (MHMS) commenced delivery of medical supplies to the Provinces (18 pallets shipped to provinces, 7 pallets ready for delivery this week, whilst 3 pallets are still being prepared). Pallets content consists of normal medical supplies of drugs and consumables).

- Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development confirm resumption of classes to begin on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 for Forms 3, 5 & 6 in non-emergency zones.
- Oversight Committee continued with the weekly Sunday Radio Talk Back Show based on the messaging strategy of ‘UMI TOGETA AGAINST COVID 19’ on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The key issues addressed include the outcomes of dialogue with Provincial Premiers and Honiara City Mayor, Provincial Health Readiness, process towards restarting of schools, PMs main points in his address on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020, clarification on logging and bauxite ships (strengthening through up-coming amendment to COVID-19 regulations and a new order on foreign vessels) and responses to questions.
- A high level Government delegation toured the Western Border over the weekend. The tour is part of the Solomon Islands Government re-affirming its commitment to the communities living on the border region regarding its response to the COVID-19. Delegation was led by the Deputy Prime Minister, who was accompanied by the Minister of Police and National Security, Minister of Provincial Government and Institutional Strengthening, Minister of Health and Medical Services, the Minister of Home Affairs who is also the Member of Parliament for the Shortland Islands and senior officials. Delegation was given the opportunity to witness the frontline safety and security operations by SIG agencies operating on the SI-PNG border as a broader step-up in the country’s preparedness on COVID-19. The visit also boosted the morale of frontline responders. It is understood that the Australian High Commissioner His Excellency Dr. Lachlan Strahan also accompanied the delegation to witness first-hand the Australian Government assistance effects in the frontlines.

## **D. N-DOC SECTOR COMMITTEE**

### **D1. CAMP MANAGEMENT SECTOR COMMITTEE (Institutional Quarantine Facilities)**

- Guadalcanal Beach Resort (GBR) has one person (helicopter pilot) undergoing quarantine for 14 days. There is a need for helicopter capability in case of any emergency that may require uplifting from areas that may not readily accessible to an airstrip.
- All other Institutional Quarantine Facilities (IQF) in Honiara remains unoccupied, decontaminated, supplies stocktaking conducted and closed. However, all remains operationally ready should there be any future need for quarantining.
- Camp Management Sector Committee is stepping up its provincial support with a team deployed to Western and Choiseul Provinces to conduct training for the P-DOC Camp Management Sector Committee on managing the Quarantine Facilities (IQFs). Western and Choiseul shares the common maritime border with PNG and are prioritised for N-DOC to P-DOC support given the continuous increase of confirmed COVID-19 cases in neighbouring PNG.

### **D2. HEALTH SECTOR COMMITTEE**

#### **D2.1 National Health Emergency Operations Centre (NHEOC)**

- The National Health Emergency Operation Centre (NHEOC) continues to lead and strengthen multi-sectoral coordination.
- The NHEOC has set up a training database COVID-19 to keep track on the number of training provided, the type of training and target audience.
- A working group continues to review and update COVID -19 guidelines and refining of SOPS is ongoing, in light of changing revisions and updates from WHO and other Competent Authorities.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> revision of the Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) for prepositioning supplies has been submitted for review.

- Most MHMS Divisions and Public Health programs had submitted their COVID-19 Surge Capacity Planning and Business Continuity Plan (BCP) to the TWG for discussion.
- A concept note to improve the status of the current NHEOC facility has been developed, awaiting presentation to NHEOC and the MHMS prior to JICA submission. Japanese Embassy has been engaged to support MHMS, enhanced EOC.
- As of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, there were two separate trainings conducted for the Isolation Team and SOLMAT. A total of 23 Isolation nurses and 15 SOLMAT personnel were trained on IPC and clinical management of COVID-19 cases.
- A training package to rollout training to the provinces has been designed and is targeted for health workers and stakeholders.
- In light of plans to resume schools, the NHEOC, has started a discussion on requirements for the compliance, for approval by Government, before schools, can be permitted to resume classes. A feasibility assessment has been discussed.
- The MHMS Senior Executive has approved a proposal for ICTSU to deploy Teleconferencing facility at NRH and links to Provinces.

## **D2.2 Integration with Key Stakeholders**

- The Solomon Islands Medical Assistance Team (SOLMAT) has deployed teams consisting of public health and clinical health personnel to Shortland Islands, Western Province. This will be a joint operation with the National Security Team and National Emergency Response Team (NERT), to capacitate and establish COVID-19 facilities (treatment care centres, isolation, quarantine, detention centre, supplies, and equipment including IECs) at key locations in Shortland Islands. A Joint meeting was conducted between NDMO, MHMS, RSIPF, TCSI, and Ministry of Civil Aviation and Communication and agreed on a communication plan for the deployment operations.
- A concept note has been developed and presented on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to explore strategies to re-open schools. A Technical Working Group (TWG) has been established to work with the Ministry of Education and other partners to advice and make recommendations to Government.

## **D2.3 Implementing COVID-19 Surveillance and Response**

- The Public Health Emergency and Surveillance Unit is currently working on a concept paper to brief NHEOC on their recommendations to update and re-strategize Surveillance and Laboratory Testing SOPs and Guidelines. A mathematical modelling to inform the concept was presented on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020. Review of flow chart was also presented.
- The Republic of China donated qPCR machine has arrived on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 and Customs clearance done on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Work to fast-track installation of the machine in the NRH Molecular Laboratory has started.
- The D-FAT funded qPCR on the Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 from Brisbane along with the Gene X-pert cartridges.
- Discussion to capacitate all provinces to perform Gene X-pert testing for COVID-19 is underway, starting with Shortland and Taro.
- The SOP for monitoring and ensuring comprehensive environmental health practice at the quarantine camps, isolation wards, international seaports and airports in preparedness and response to COVID-19 will be discussed with the SOPs TWG on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020. This is to further improve the water quality and other health environmental factors.

## **D2.4 Prevention and Containment of Outbreak**

- IPC tools for safe and effective isolation care areas, is mobilised on 19/4/2020 and installed at the Isolation facility at the National Referral Hospital (NRH).

- Hand hygiene sanitizers and bracket installation at point of care is completed.
- The Clinical Team are progressing with SOP and Guidelines for care of critical ill patients.
- The NRH Team completed a review of Isolation ward 2 and identified gaps for improvement.

#### **D2.5 Risk Communication and Public Awareness**

- Health officers continue to visit households and distribute Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials around Honiara City.
- Risk Communication Team continues to deliver key health messages to the public through posters, pamphlets and Solomon Telekom Television.
- WHO maintains its support on printing of IEC materials as support to the MHMS.
- Various local NGOs volunteered in the ongoing dissemination and community awareness rising across the country.

#### **D2.5 Challenges and Gaps**

- Point of Entry (POE) SOPs needs continual strengthening and review from time to time.
- Logging shipping vessels has been identified as a challenge for clearance.
- Further refinement and alignment of SOP for qPRC and Gene Xpert equipment.
- SOP, installation and implementation schedule for qPRC laboratory equipment needs focused attention.
- Lack of testing capacity in country is still a concern.
- The NRH Triage and Isolation ward still have gaps in terms of compliance with recent WHO guidelines on COVID facilities design and constructions.
- Accessibility to remote areas a challenge Risk Communication and Public Awareness.

### **D3. INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR COMMITTEE**

- The MID Engineering Department is currently assisting the MHMS in conducting scoping on potential COVID-19 screen and treatment facilities that could be utilised in the event of the lockdown.
- ABMS has placed two officers on standby for NERT deployment to the Western and Choiseul Provinces, particularly to assist in the Institutional Quarantine Facility (IQF) assessment.

### **D4. LIVELIHOOD SECTOR COMMITTEE**

- Final arrangement between Sape Farmers Group and Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAL) was finalized and signed. This will enable Sape to start the cultivation of 40 Hectares of Cassava that could supply Honiara city in case there is a lockdown.
- Mass production of seedling continues at the NALRD (Ex Taiwanese farm). First distribution of 5000 seedlings to first 100 residents in Honiara will commence on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- Facilitating the transfer of SBD 1.2million funding support to Honiara City Council for the rehabilitation of Kukum Market where root Crops and Vegetables will be sold.
- Facilitating funding support for the establishment of Naha and White River satellite market.
- Safe Market concept has been finalized by the Market sub-committee with support from UN Women. This is to ensure women's economic activities to support their livelihood as well as that of public is not hindered in case of a lock down due to COVID-19.
- Budget revision and finalization and development of a procurement plan.
- Livelihood Committee Secretariat established and staffed.

## D5. EDUCATION SECTOR COMMITTEE

- Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD) has advised the remaining schools and year levels in the provinces (in non-emergency zones and in the non-high risk zones) Early Childhood Centres (ECE), all year levels in primary, and Forms 1, 2 and 4 students to resume classes on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2020. All schools in Honiara, Guadalcanal, Gizo, Munda, Noro, Shortlands and Schools in Choiseul Bay surrounding areas to remain closed until further notice and advice.
- School situational assessment survey was carried by MEHRD on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 to Honiara schools, including Schools located further east of Honiara as far as St. Josephs Tenaru National Secondary School and Jeta Primary school to the West. The assessment tool was finalized with support from Health Sector Committee. The purpose of the assessment was to collect data to assess risks in order to ascertain whether the schools are ready to resume normal classes.
- TV program production for learning continuity targeting ECE to year 12 started, with service provider identified and engaged, and setting up of YWCA Kindy classroom as a Video shooting area.
- Radio program for learning continuity have already started with programs targeting exam year levels. The program will start daily broadcasting programs as of Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am -9:30am and from 7:30pm to 8:00pm
- Partners continue to provide support to MEHRD in Learning Continuity.

## D6. PROTECTION SECTOR COMMITTEE

**Partners:** MWYCFA, UN Women, UNICEF, Oxfam (co-chair) Save the Children Australia, IOM, DFAT, ADRA, Live & Learn, World Vision, RSIPF, PWDSI, Social Welfare etc.

### National Level Engagements (N-DOC)

- **Child Protection:** Still in working progress with the key messages. National Child Protection referrals are available for public awareness and information sharing.
- **Disability:** Working on contextualizing key messages for different impairment, sign languages already done, Braille notation is yet to be done.
- **Safe-net:**
  - National Referral Pathway mechanism has been finalized (see attached doc below) and printed by DFAT. 200 pcs of A3 posters has been distributed among members and P-DOC Protection for Western and Choiseul Province. National Safe-net Coordinator will be deploying to Western Border to establish and strengthen the safe-net mechanism at the provincial level on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
  - Child Protection Referral pathway has been established at the national level.
  - Safe-net emergency call tree to be finalized for public view. See draft document. Contact for Male psychosocial is yet to be discussed and confirm, upon that this document should finalized and approved.
  - Six key messages for Safe-net have been finalized in English version. Pidgin version has been sent to ACOM for editing.
  - A Facebook page has established purposely for social media advocacy and tracking of beneficiaries who may need assistance/support. It is one of the feedback mechanisms in place using the social media platform. Check out this link; <https://www.facebook.com/SAFENETSolomonIslands>.

- Seif-Ples keeps on tracking any reported Domestic Violence (DV) cases. Current update- there is decline of DV cases reported. However, there is increase concern cases of COVID-19.
- Through Coordination with PDOC Protection for Western Province. They have developed the provincial safe net mechanism and child protection through the support from the provincial social welfare.
- Western Border Terms of Reference has been finalized see attached document.
- Protection Rapid Questionnaires for COVID-19 have been finalized.

### **Support to P-DOC Protection Sector Committee**

- N-DOC Protection Committee EOC met with Guadalcanal Province (GP) P-DOC Protection Committee Chair. GP PDOC Response and Preparedness plan for COVID-19 has been developed with the support of NDOC Protection Committee see attached document.
- GP Protection Sector Committee assist P-DOC Health Sector Committee in disseminating the Live & Learn and Red Cross COVID-19 health awareness messages on communities on West Guadalcanal.
- N-DOC Protection Sector Committee has developed and shared to Choiseul Province draft COVID-19 budget to the P-DOC Protection Sector Committee for review and confirmation. Additionally place protection personnel on standby for potential surge capacity should the P-DOC require.
- Malaita Province P-DOC Protection Sector Committee now functioning.
- Rennell and Bellona Province, and Central Island P-DOC Protection Sector Committees are operating with limited capacities.

#### ***Challenges and gaps:***

- Lack of human trained human resources/personnel to provide psychosocial support services in the frontline. Noting psychosocial support is a required service in the IQFs and also for frontline responding personnel.
- Ensure establishment and functioning of P-DOC Protection Sector Committee is supported.

## **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).
- The Police Patrol Boat Gizo-05 has completed its 14 days deployment to the SI-PNG borders and returned to Honiara over the weekend. Patrol Boat Auki-04 has departed Honiara on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April has since replaced Gizo-05.



- Police Response Team (PRT) current at the Solomon Islands Border has provided logistical support to the Solomon Islands Government Delegation visiting the frontline responses.

#### **D7.1A. RSIPF PROVINCIAL RESPONSES**

##### **Makira Province**

- Kira-Kira Police continues to conduct awareness and issuing of COVID-19 pamphlets at Santa Ana and Santa Catalina.

##### **Temotu Province**

- P-DOC Team conducted awareness Vatu Constituency and Reef Islands.

##### **Isabel Province**

- P-DOC Team conducted local food security survey and assessment in the communities of around West Maringe District. Updates to be informed later.
- Buala Police remains vigilant for any COVID-19 issues and reports in the province.

##### **Western Province**

- Munda Police with Health and Agriculture Officers conducted awareness at Rendova, Baniata, Revolo, Haviala and Hopongo in Rendova Lagoon.
- Seghe Police conducted awareness at Chea and Chubikopi Villages in Marovo Lagoon.
- China Ambassador and delegation conducted a visit to Seghe on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2020.
- Gizo Police joint team will depart for Rarumana for further awareness programs.

##### **Choiseul Province**

- Police have observed that breaches of COVID-19 measures continue to occur daily when Police presence is not visibly seen.

##### **Emerging Issues:**

- PPE for Provincial Police Officers requires replenishment.

#### **D7.2 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SOLOMON ISLANDS (CSSI)**

- All activities reported in Situational Report No.6 remains ongoing.

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

##### **D7.3A FISHING VESSELS**

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

- **ROSITA C** - Foreign fishing vessel, flagged in Spain. Last of call is Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Last contact made with other vessel is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2020, with a bunker vessel, though NO human contact is made, exception for safety purpose only. Vessel estimated time of arrival at Noro is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 for fish unloading purposes. Vessel has been in Solomon Islands EEZ for the past 27 days.
- **SHUENN SHING 66** - Locally based foreign long-line. Flagged in Taiwan. Last port of call is Noro on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 for unloading of fish. Estimated time of arrival in Noro is on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and purpose is also for unloading. Agent is National Fisheries Development (NFD). Vessel has been in Solomon Islands EEZ for the past 27 days.

- **JIN JINN YI 26** - Locally based foreign long-line vessel. Flagged in Taiwan. Last port of call is Noro on the 09<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 for unloading of fish. Estimated time of Arrival at Noro is on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and purpose is also for unloading. Agent is NFD. Vessel has been in Solomon Islands EEZ for the past 27 days.
- **JIN JINN YI 36** - Locally based foreign long-line. Flagged in Taiwan. Last of call Noro on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 for unloading of fish. Estimated time of arrival in Noro is on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and purpose is also for unloading. Agent is NFD. Vessel has been in Solomon Islands EEZ for the past 27 days.
- **SHUENN SHING 626** - Locally based foreign long-line. Flagged in Taiwan. Last port of call is Noro on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 for unloading of fish. Estimated time of arrival at Noro is on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and purpose is also for unloading. Agent is NFD. Vessel has been in Solomon Islands EEZ for the past 27 days. Vessel already in Noro.

### D7.3B CARGO VESSELS

Ships position report received at 15:05hours 02/05/2020. Information supplied by Honiara Maritime Coast Radio Station (SIMSA)

No	Vessel Name	Present Position & ETA Honiara Or Noro
1	Adelaide	Noro
2	Ba Wise	Matamata Anchorage
3	Bao Da	Hapadagi Anchorage
4	Bao Neng	Noro
5	Contship Way	Noro
6	Festival	Maniate Anchorage
7	Harmony Ocean	Noro
8	High Fidelity	Pt Cruz
9	Jin Shan 5	Jajao Anchorage
10	Joysun 5	Ozanga Anchorage
11	Schoochow	ETA Honiara Am Today (01/05/2020)
12	Sea Aries	Nana Anchorage
13	Shengle A	Lata
14	Shima Maru	Noro
15	SI Hang Yan 19	Pt Cruz
16	Sinar Pelutan 1	Noro
17	Southern Islander	Pt Cruz
18	Suzy	Putagita
19	Universe Alliance	Aola Anchorage
20	Worship Light	Lat: 9° 27.43's Long: 158° 45.76'e Under way
21	Victoria	Ngirasa Anchorage
<b>International Vessels Using our EEZ Innocent Pass</b>		
1	Doniambo	Innocent pass to China
2	Eastern Amazon	Innocent pass to Papua New Guinea
3	Lady Rosebay	Innocent pass to Japan

4	New Beginning	Innocent pass to New Caledonia
5	Pacific Melody	Innocent pass to New Caledonia
6	Pacific Vision	Innocent pass to New Caledonia

#### 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.

#### D9. COORDINATION (N-DOC AND NEOC)

- The N-DOC Arrangement remains the coordination mechanism for the SIG COVID-19 response was per the declaration and the emergency powers (COVID-19) regulation 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.
- NEOC is supporting the development of an exercise document to test health, safety and security response capability during possible lockdown.
- NEOC is deploying a coordination/hazard risk personal and GIS personnel in the joint SIG team to be deployed to Western and Choiseul Provinces. Team will also consist of two MID and Camp Management (IQF) team.
- Analysis conducted by NEOC based on reports and updates received on the N-DOC Sectors responding to COVID-19 indicate Health having the highest response rating followed by Safety and Security, Livelihood, Camp Management, Education, Protection and Infrastructure (see [Annex](#) for analysis).
- NEOC is supporting SOLMAT with two NERT communications personnel currently on deployment with SOLMAT to the Solomon Islands- PNG Border (Western and Choiseul) particularly to establish the On Site Operation Coordination Centre (OSOCC) and the field radio communications base on Shortland Islands. The communications equipments deployed include the NEOC M-Ray, 3 x Man-pack and 2 x VHF Handhelds) at the OSOCC. Similar set-up of a Man-pack has also been established at the NHEOC for direct communication with OSOCC and NEOC. OSOCC will maintain daily updates through N-DOC Health Chairs and P-DOC Health Chairs.

#### 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 week. This is an important opportunity for both parties given the scope of SICCI and the 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 been 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 supported the SIG response but information is not consolidated to provide a common operating picture regarding donors' assistances.

## 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 a common operating picture of the current donors' assistance to SIG response.
- Progress with urgency the N-DOC Sector Committees support 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.

- Western Provincial Disaster Committee (WPDC) advise both National and Provincial Government agencies plans also consider potential COVI-19 refugees from Bougainville to Western Province on a possible COVID-19 escalation in PNG.
- WPDC recommends immediate increase in the capacity of health centres on the border region to cater for front-line officers and repatriated population from urban to village.
- 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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