

Who are the regional Pacific Food Security Cluster? What do we do?



WHO: The Regional Pacific Food Security Cluster (rPFSC) is composed of a cluster support team, consisting of specialists in Cluster Coordination and Information Management.

The Regional Pacific Food Security Cluster is led at the global and regional level by **FAO** and **WFP**, two U.N. agencies with a mandate and expertise in the food security sector.

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WHAT: The primary function and objective of the rPFSC is to support national governments, country-level actors, and regional stakeholders in the coordination of actions in the food security sector, with a specific focus on:

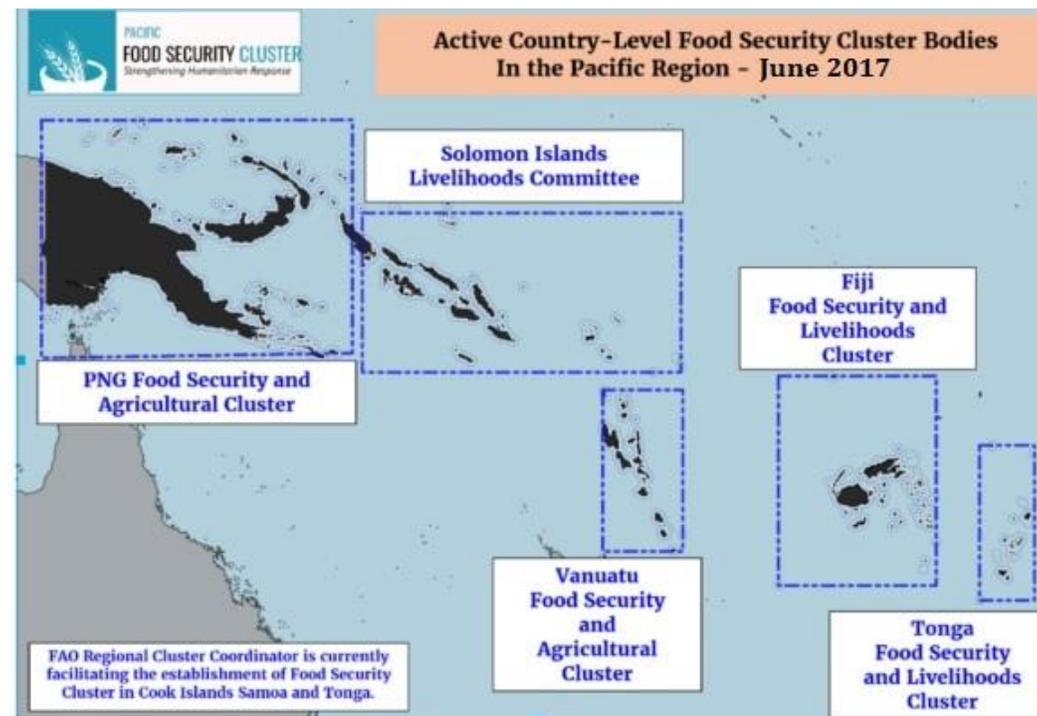
- **Emergency preparedness and response:** Working with country-level actors to ensure pacific communities at risk of food insecurity receive the right assistance, at the right time, in the case of a natural disaster
- **Resilience-building:** Working with country-level actors to ensure that pacific communities reinforce and build their resilience to a changing climate and recurrent natural hazards in the region

The rPFSC provides support in a variety of ways and seeks to be demand-driven and responsive to the needs of country-level clusters.

We only provide assistance based on requests by and agreement with country-level clusters.

2016 - 2017 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- First rPFSC Forum held with 50+ participants from Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa, Fiji, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea
- Cluster support, such as (training, workshops and remote support) activities and plans proposed for Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and PNG in the second half of 2017
- Joint WFP-UNDP-rPFSC support to Solomon Islands Rapid Sectoral Assessment and 72-hr assessment tool training for Makira earthquake response in 2016
- Regional Cluster facilitation support and contributions to assess support needs for integrating cluster coordination and DRR in FAO-led “Reducing Risk and Strengthening Resilience in Pacific Agriculture” workshop.
- Cluster support provided to developing standard operating procedures
- Cluster support team strengthened with IMO and co-ordination (WFP) capacities



Fiji Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster



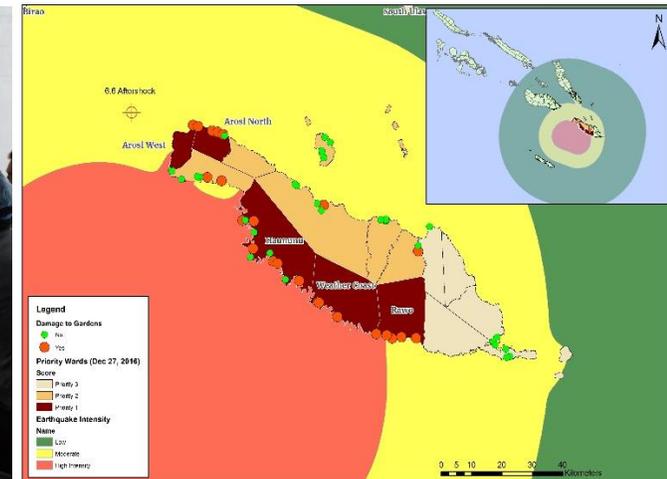
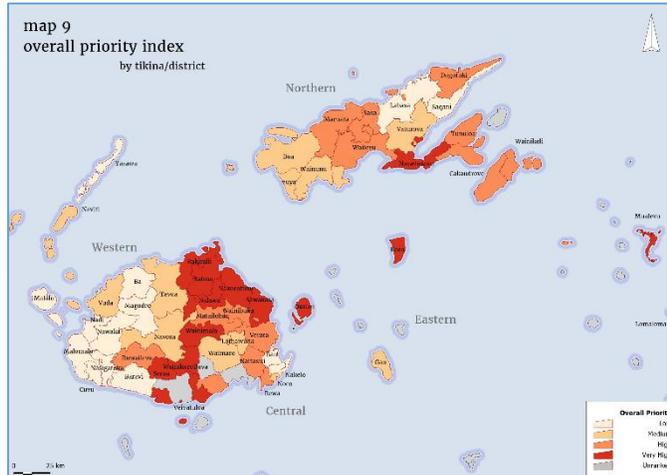
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1. To ensure improved preparedness, response and recovery to disasters, the cluster is engagement with private sector.
2. In March 2017 the Fiji FSL Cluster submitted the final draft of the reviewed national emergency food basket to the NDMO. An EFB working group has since formed within the Inter-Cluster arrangement to ensure all relevant parties are consulted. The FSL Cluster is working in collaboration with the Health and Nutrition Cluster and Protection Cluster.
3. A resilient agriculture working group has been formed and comprises cluster members. Endorsement of the working group by the permanent secretary for agriculture is currently underway. The working group is tasked with the development and design of a risk screening tool / template for the agriculture sector.

Solomon Islands Livelihoods Committee

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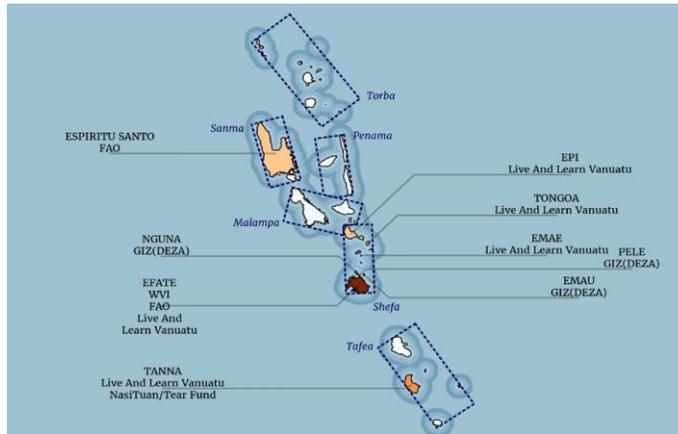
1. Created final version of Agriculture resilience training manual. This followed a rigorous design phase. This manual will be used by Agriculture Extension Officers and will be used by the Resilient agriculture network when conducting training in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) in agriculture for farmers.
2. Implementation of a community risk resilient proposal for Niu Baro. In collaboration with Live & Learn, Oxfam, NDMO and Agriculture Extension through its Resilience Agriculture Extension Network a community consultation was conducted, proposals developed and the end result was an intervention amounting to SBD74,000.



Vanuatu Food Security and Agriculture Cluster www.FSCluster.org/Vanuatu

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1. The RRU-FSAC is continuing to implement several initiatives to facilitate evidence-based decision making as well as to increase preparedness and reduce the risk of hazards in the agricultural sector.
2. The RRU in conjunction with FAO have provided smartphones and training in the use of Kobo Collect software to agricultural extension officers
3. For TC Donna response, RRU with assistance from WFP and RPFSC supported Vanuatu FSAC in deploying assessment teams and disseminating assessment forms to the community to facility rapid damage assessments.
4. RRU Co-ordinator Joshua Mael attended the inaugural RPFSC Forum in Fiji.
5. The FSAC currently keeps active during “peacetime” so as to build preparedness and strengthen community resilience for when a disaster occurs.



Tonga Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster

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- Cluster meetings were held on November 8th and December 12th 2016.
- A Task Force is examining and commenting on training materials for the cluster, as well as Contingency Plans and the Sectoral Briefing. The group convened on November 11th and December 1st.
- Training planned for the cluster was moved to 2017, contingent on funding and trainer availability.
- Establishment of Cluster Committee’s in both Vava’u (14th Dec) and Ha’apai (16th Dec). Both Meetings were chaired by NEMO and the meeting has established MAFFF Officer in Charge to be the focal points for both of the FSLC in both regions, as to emulate what has happened in Tongatapu. Now FSLC is the only Cluster that has been rolled out to the outer island regions in Tonga.

Papua New Guinea Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

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1. FSC continues to actively participate in the Disaster Management Team (DMT) meetings
2. 2017 Food and Agriculture Security Cluster Work Plan developed
3. FAO to take lead in cluster co-ordination with Ms Mirriam Mondia as the Interim Cluster Co-Ordinator
4. Round 2 Survey by WFP conducted in early 2017 and the report has been shared with Food Security Cluster members and to the Disaster Management Team
5. Cluster partners continue to update the 4W Matrix
6. Cluster partners continue to deliver community disaster management training in disaster-prone areas in PNG to better prepare farmers for expected disasters
7. Cluster partners also continue to distribute tanks and planting materials (seeds / cuttings) in remote areas specifically those communities that were affected.
8. PNG FSC attended RPFSC Forum in Nadi in April
9. PNG National Food Security Policy Action Plan Workshop conducted to pave way for policy implementation in pilot provinces which is expected to commence in early August 2017
10. FSC participated in the Eastern Highlands Province Lessons Learnt Workshop conducted by CARE International in May 2017

About Our Strategy

At June 2017, the regional Pacific strategy and work plan continues to be implemented. The Pacific region is one of the most vulnerable areas in the globe due to natural disasters and climate change, and as such the regional strategy and work plan stresses supporting country cluster preparedness and resilience in the wider food security sector.

We aim to continue to build a response-oriented approach to food security coordination in the region that capitalizes on the existing potential of nationally-based actors and builds capacity. The work of the cluster is guided by 5 strategic objectives.

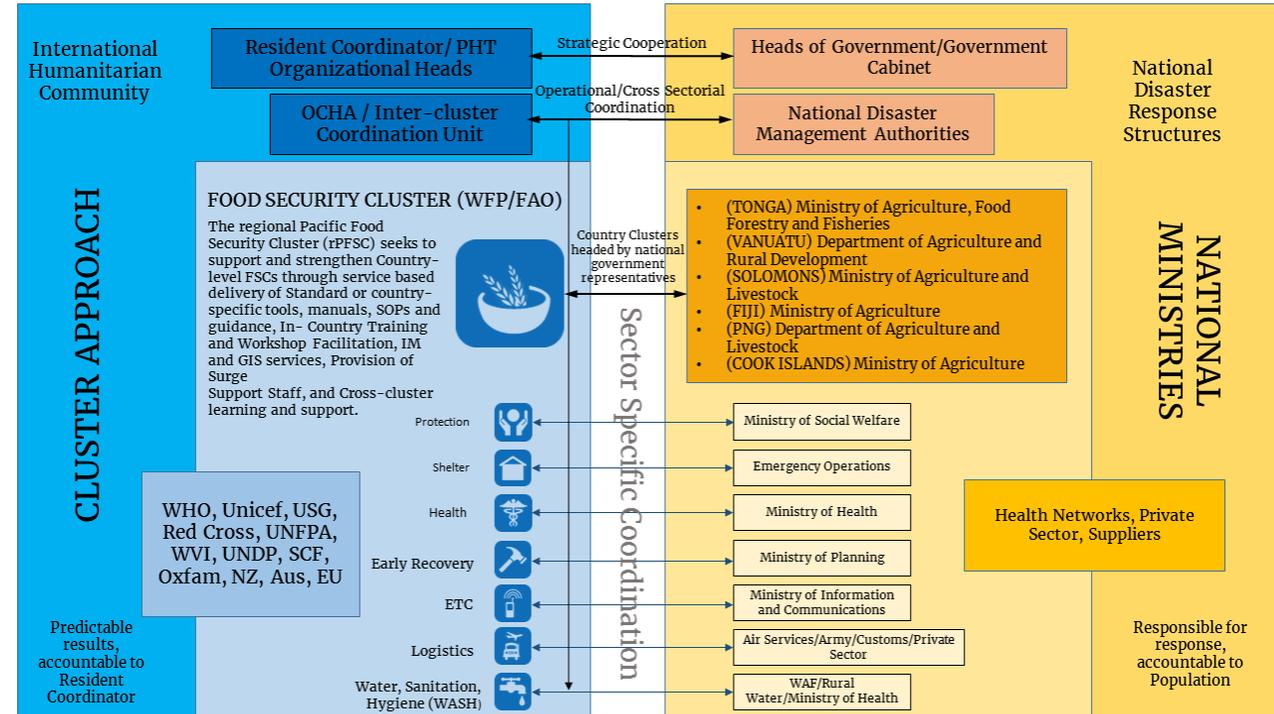
Strategic Objective 1 : COORDINATION - Establish and expand the Pacific Food Security Cluster as a regional, sector-specific platform for information, exchange, strategic decision-making and research on Food Security in the Pacific, with a strong focus on enhancing preparedness, response and DRR initiatives in national-level clusters

Strategic Objective 2: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT - Ensure effective management, sharing and production of timely and relevant information for food security stakeholders in the Pacific region

Strategic Objective 3 CAPACITY SUPPORT & TRAINING National authorities and staff in country-level clusters have the knowledge & capacity to lead preparedness, response, and resilience actions in the food security sector

Strategic Objective 4 ASSESSMENT - National authorities and country-level cluster partners have access to comprehensive data on food security and vulnerability and are able to lead and contribute to assessment and monitoring efforts

Strategic Objective 5 CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND RESEARCH regional level, compile and provide general guidance on cross-cutting issues in the food security sector and integration of cross-cutting issues into food security preparedness, response and resilience initiatives



Upcoming Activities (2017)

- rPFSC support for training and capacity building in information management to Vanuatu, PNG and Tonga
- rPFSC support to Solomon Islands for workshop facilitation on data collection methodology
- Planning with Samoa and Fiji on their needs and possible capacity building with IM
- Ongoing support to Vanuatu FSAC for Food Distribution SOPs finalisation
- rPFSC support missions to Marshall Islands and Micronesia



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