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.

- **The Team consists of:**
  - Iulia Petelo, Regional Cluster Coordinator (FAO)
  - Sandra Uwantege Hart, Regional Cluster Coordinator (WFP)
  - Scott Higgins, Regional Information Manager (WFP)

**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.

**HOW:** 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.

"Given the increased vulnerability of Island states in the Pacific region to cyclones and other extreme weather events, such as drought and flooding, the work of the Cluster is vital to ensure rapid response while helping to enhance the resilience of local populations threatened by food insecurity and poor nutrition levels." - **Ms Eriko Hibi SRC** - FAO

"High-impact events, such as TC Pam, TC Winston, and El Nino have highlighted a need for strong support and technical assistance to national stakeholders to better enable Pacific Island States to design, coordinate implement and deliver large-scale food security responses that include the rapid delivery of food assistance. Our collective goal, at the country level, is to use a hands-on and response-oriented approach to food security coordination in the region that maximizes, and builds, the capacity of national actors." - **Mr Florent Chane OIC** - WFP
In July 2016, development of a regional Pacific strategy and work plan commenced. 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 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 rPFSC has developed 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

Facilitation and leadership support for Fiji Divisional FSLC Assessment Workshops
- Cluster Capacity Assessment development and roll-out
- Cluster support mission to Vanuatu to develop Food Distribution SOPs
- Cluster support mission to Solomon Islands to develop work plan, key objectives, and TORs
- Cluster support mission to Solomon Islands to conduct Food Security in Emergencies Training for Provincial Agriculture Officers


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