

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Sector Preparedness & Response

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Joint External Situation Report #19 – 12 June 2020

1. Pacific Highlights

- As of 12 June 2020, 312 cases of COVID-19 including 7 deaths have been reported across the Pacific.
- Validation of the Phase II COVID-19 Pacific Health Sector Support Plan including planned procurements of personal protective equipment, medical equipment and devices, and medical consumables, with Pacific island countries and territories is almost completed.
- WHO has completed the process of [requesting supplies](#) against those allocated by the Task Force of the Global COVID-19 Supply Chain System (CSCS) to the PICs. This includes medical equipment (portable oxygen concentrators, patient monitoring systems, and pulse oximeters), PPE (face shields, gloves, goggles, gowns, N95 masks, and surgical masks), and 17,250 GeneXpert cartridges.
- On 11 June, WHO hosted the third [Pacific Technical Forum](#) for Heads of Health, Directors of Public Health and partners. French Polynesia presented and led a discussion on reducing the risk of secondary transmission of COVID-19 in households, communities, and medically vulnerable people to 50 participants, including representatives from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, Palau, Pitcairn Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Tonga.
- Most PICs are now connected with commercial and cargo flights. For regular updates & details, see the ["Pacific Air Service Updates" from the Logistics Cluster](#)

Joint Incident Management Team

Humanitarian and development partners have established a Joint Incident Management Team (JIMT) to support the COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts in the Pacific. This coordination mechanism leverages partners' capacities and resources, to ensure effective actions in support of national authorities and affected populations across 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories

Active members of the JIMT include: ADB, DFAT, IFRC, IOM, MFAT, OCHA, PIFS, PIHOA, SPC, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNRCO, UNDP, UNWOMEN, USAID, US CDC, US Embassy Suva, WFP, WB & WHO.

Pacific Priority Needs for COVID-19

The epidemiological stage of transmission will determine the needs of each PIC.

Priority needs of PICs at all stages of transmission include:

- Expansion of testing capability including exploring alternative testing platforms
- Planning for the relaxation or lifting of lockdown, social distancing and other non-pharmaceutical interventions
- Monitoring consumption rates of personal protective equipment (PPE), and procurement pipelines
- Case management protocols for mild, moderate, severe, critical, and convalescent cases
- Risk Communication and Community Engagement
- Continuity of health care service delivery

Specific priorities identified:

- Preparedness and response to first introduction of COVID-19 for PICs not reporting cases to be addressed via simulation exercises

- Business continuity planning and establishing the new normal for affected PICs as they consider easing of restrictions
- Sharing experiences and lessons learnt in preparedness and response
- One-on-one country calls similar to those conducted by CDC and the US Affiliated Pacific Islands can be considered in light of the agreed country focus

Challenges and Gaps

Key challenges include dispersed and isolated communities, limited transportation options, challenges in procuring essential supplies and overstretched health systems.

Specific challenges identified by the JIMT include:

- Delays in supply and delivery of GeneXpert cartridges
- Balancing regional and national COVID-19 priorities
- Rationalizing country priorities among technical partners without overloading countries with guidance, templates, questionnaires and webinars
- The ability of PIC ICU nursing workforce to manage confirmed cases while mitigating the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Pacific Island Countries & Areas – Situation in Numbers

Reporting Country / Territory / Area	Total cases	Total Deaths	State of Emergency Declared	Days Since Last Reported Case
American Samoa	0	0	Yes	-
Cook Islands	0	0	Yes	-
Guam	182	5	Yes	-
Fiji	18	0	Yes	55
French Polynesia	60	0	No	38
Kiribati	0	0	Yes	-
Nauru	0	0	Yes	-
New Caledonia	21	0	No	3
Niue	0	0	No	-
Marshall Islands, Republic of	0	0	Yes	-
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	0	Yes	-
Northern Mariana Islands (Commonwealth of the)	31	2	Yes	-
Palau	0	0	Yes	-
Samoa	0	0	Yes	-
Solomon Islands	0	0	Yes	-
Tokelau	0	0	No	-
Tonga	0	0	Yes	-
Tuvalu	0	0	Yes	-
Vanuatu	0	0	Yes	-
Wallis and Futuna	0	0	No	-
Total	312	7		-

Table 1: Countries, territories & areas with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases & deaths (data as of 12 June 2020).

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For latest WHO global updates on COVID-19, please refer to:

- [WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#)
- [Novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\) situation dashboard](#)

JIMT Pacific Response Activities for COVID-19

The focus of the JIMT in the Pacific is in supporting the containment and mitigation efforts of all Pacific Island Nations. Containment of the outbreak through the slowing and stopping of COVID-19 transmission, prevent outbreaks and spread. Mitigation of the effects of an outbreak through reducing preventable morbidity and mortality, minimising negative health, social and economic impacts and facilitating early recovery.

1

Country readiness and response operations for COVID-19 scaled up for containment and mitigation

2

All PICs have access to the latest science, technical guidance, clinical care, equipment & supplies to reduce preventable morbidity, mortality and the adverse social and economic impacts of COVID-19

3

Health care workers are kept safe through access to the knowledge, skills and resources need for safe practice, including access to personal protective equipment and optimal infection prevention and control practices

4

COVID-19 transmission reduced through non-pharmaceutical interventions, risk communication and community engagement

2. Response activities under the JIMT

Finance and Administration Pillar

Technical Area	Support Provided
<i>General</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Overall, of the funding received for Phase 1 for the Pacific COVID-19 Health Sector Plan, total implemented (disbursed) amount is USD\$745,280 broken down by expenditure type below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 47% was for human resources (technical assistance) related costs — 39% was for equipment and supplies (including shipping costs) and — 8% for risk communications-related costs — 7% corresponding indirect costs

Health Operations and Technical Expertise Pillar

Technical Area	Support Provided / Update
<i>Developing and providing Guidance to PICs on:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Telehealth and telemedicine together with the Emergency Telecommunication cluster ▶ Maintaining Essential Health Service Delivery (in line with recently updated WHO Technical Guidance) ▶ Conducting simulation exercises to test plans for responding to imported cases and/or new cluster of cases ▶ Resumption of international passenger travel in the Pacific
<i>Preparing PICs for the next Phase of the Response</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Collaboration with the Doherty Institute, University of Melbourne to develop modelling outputs for various COVID-19 scenarios across the PICs ▶ Conduct assessment of readiness for surveillance and case management ▶ Exploring alternative options for laboratory testing platforms beyond GeneXpert ▶ Working to ensure stability of the supply pipeline for RT-PCR supplies where they exist or where planned for installation ▶ Completing Phase II Activity Planning for the JIMT and PICs

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Operations Support and Logistics Pillar

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<i>Distribution of GeneXpert & Other Supplies</i>	<p>GeneXpert Cartridges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Batch 5 and the remaining order are still on hold until a new allocation has been given to WHO by Cepheid ▶ An order of 17,250 cartridges has been placed on the COVID-19 Supply Chain System (CSCS). 																																																																																																
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Operational Area	Support Provided / Update				
Transportation of Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The 3rd shipment of PPE was sent by sea freight to American Samoa, Samoa and Tonga ▶ A shipment of masks was urgently sent to Nauru 				
	Destination	American Samoa	Nauru	Samoa	Tonga
	Means of transport	Sea Freight	Sea Freight	Sea Freight	Air Freight
	Status	Sent	Sent	Sent	Sent
	Bag Biohazard	100	0	100	100
	Bio Bottles	65	0	50	65
	Body Bags	10	0	10	10
	Chlorines	20	0	20	20
	Face Shield	0	0	0	0
	Gloves	0	0	1,000	0
	Goggles	0	0	0	0
	Gowns	0	0	0	0
	Hand Sanitizer	120	0	60	60
	Masks N95	1,470	0	845	595
	Safety Boxes	50	0	50	50
	Surgical Masks	0	3,000	0	0
Swabs	0	0	0	0	
Thermometers	0	0	0	0	

Partner Coordination Pillar

General Partner Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The pillar is validating and sharing supply lists and facilitating engagement on the partner's platform ▶ The pillar is also discussing the socio-economic impact assessment being undertaken in several PICs

Information & Planning Pillar

General Partner Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reformatting the JIMT Country Request Tracker to reflect the operational shift towards the Phase II Health Sector Support Plan ▶ Tracking the implementation of travel restrictions, and quarantine and isolation policies in PICs. ▶ Regularly reporting against WHO Headquarters monitoring and evaluation indicators ▶ In collaboration with the COVID-19 IMT at WHO Headquarters, conducting a baseline capacity assessment for PICS based on WHO Headquarters indicators.

3. Links to Data Repositories and Dashboards

- ▶ [External repository](#) of COVID-19 guidance documents and technical materials adapted for the Pacific context.
- ▶ [Pacific COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#) summarising the epidemiological situation in the Pacific
- ▶ Information regarding delivery of GeneXpert kits, please consult the logistics [dashboard](#)
- ▶ Information regarding the distribution of Phase 1 PPE, please consult the logistics [dashboard](#)
- ▶ Regular updates and details on the [Pacific Air Transport Services](#) from the Logistics Cluster
- ▶ [WHO Academy and WHO Info mobile application](#) for resources for health workers including technical guidance, tools, training and virtual workshops

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4. Highlight in Pictures



Figure 1 – Solomon Islands MHMS Molecular Virology Laboratory Launch for Covid-19 Testing Capability with Minister for Health, WHO Representative and Australian High Commissioner



Figure 2 – Solomon Islands MHMS Team Leaders COVID-19 integrated SOP linkage training



Figure 3 – Samoa Red Cross Society household assessment for COVID-19 preparedness in partnership with WHO Samoa

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5. Agency Response Activities

Regional Activities					Agency
<p>- The Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security has finalised a \$10 million package of projects in Pacific Islands, Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea with technical partners, including \$3.5 million to SPC (laboratory testing, clinical care), \$1.4 million to Tupaia (surveillance) and \$0.53 million to the Doherty Institute (laboratory testing) (see table below). DFAT is also contributing \$3.5 million to WHO Pacific Health Sector Support Plan (Phase 2) and \$5.5 million to WFP for transport and logistics.</p> <p><i>Table: Pacific Projects under DFAT's 10 million package of technical assistance on COVID-19</i></p>					DFAT
Partner	Duration	Country Scope	Technical area	Description of activities	
Pacific Community (SPC)	18 months	Pacific-wide	Laboratory testing Clinical care	Strengthening clinical capacities in PICs, includes funds for the procurement of ICU equipment, critical care training for nurses, laboratory equipment and consumables (e.g. GeneXpert machines and cartridges), establishing RT-PCR capacity (proposed: Kiribati, Samoa, Vanuatu) and training for biomedical maintenance technicians.	
Beyond Essential Systems (Tupaia)	2 years	Pacific-wide	Surveillance	Accelerated implementation of the Pacific Syndromic Surveillance System and a pilot of the Flu Tracker participatory surveillance system in two Pacific countries as a method for early warning of respiratory disease outbreaks in the Pacific.	
Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity	12 months	Solomon Islands, Pacific Island countries	Laboratory testing	Doherty will support the establishment of RT-PCR testing in Solomon Islands and two additional PICs (by request/TBC), technical assistance and supplies. The Doherty Institute is also undertaking validation for POC serology tests.	
University of Sydney	12 months	Fiji	Surveillance	Additional funds will enable a technical specialist to continue to work on Fiji's national response to COVID-19.	
- Health, WASH and MHPSS technical support to 11 Pacific National Societies					IFRC
<p>- Provided technical guidance on Nutrition Care during COVID-19 to nutrition focal persons in the Ministries of Health of 14 PICTs;</p> <p>- UNICEF has dispatched: 89 isolation tents across 12 Pacific Island Countries & 92 Pulse Oximeters across 6 Pacific Island Countries;</p> <p>- 150,000 Sample Collection Kits (Swabs) were received into UNICEF's warehouse in Brisbane and the Australian Government is arranging the immediate distribution of 65,400 swabs to 19 PICs;</p>					UNICEF

- 3.9 metric tonnes of PPE composed of coveralls, N95 masks arrived in Brisbane thanks to the Emergency Supply Marketplace led by WFP	
Requests	Agency
- Support on revision of Emergency Plan of Action for COVID-19 pandemic preparedness and response	IFRC
Challenges	Agency
- Closure of international border within Pacific countries	IFRC
- Uncertainty about the availability GeneXpert testing cartridges for the Pacific	SPC
- Ensuring countries having access to alternative testing options as they consider easing restrictions and opening borders given the current constraints with the supply of GeneXpert cartridges	
- Maintaining specialised clinical services	
- Ability to provide training for clinical staff (nurses and doctors) in managing COVID-19 patients and ensuring their safety and protection against contracting COVID 19	
- Stringent export restrictions in China resulted in our inability to take advantage of an Air Tahiti Nui chartered flight out of Shanghai despite the fact that 8 metric tonnes of UNICEF Pacific PPE were there at the time	UNICEF

Fiji	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Priority Needs</u>	IFRC
- COVID-19 awareness	
- Hygiene promotion	
- Blood drive and commemoration of World Blood Donor Day on 14 June 2020	
- Epidemic control for volunteers training	
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u>	SPC
- Supported Fiji MHMS clinical sub-committee with the review of patient discharge and testing protocols	
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u>	UNICEF
- Supported the development of the training package on Psychological First Aid, Gender-Based Violence and Child Protection for Fiji Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) health workers	
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u>	WB
- USD \$7.3 million for COVID-19 emergency response operations – in preparation	

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Kiribati	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Priority Needs</u> - COVID-19 awareness - Hygiene promotion - Blood drive and commemoration of World Blood Donor Day 14 June 2020	IFRC
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - USD \$2.5 million for COVID-19 Emergency Response Operation – in preparation	WB

Marshall Islands, Republic of	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Priority Needs</u> - COVID-19 awareness - Hygiene promotion	IFRC
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - IOM provided COVID-19 awareness and PPE training and gave supplementary handouts at 5 events to ~170 people in total. The IOM-supported Rapid Assessment Report is with the National Disaster Committee for review. IOM coordinated a training-of-trainers for eleven individuals on decontamination and water purification protocols.	IOM
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - USD \$2.5 million for COVID-19 Emergency Response Operation – Active	WB
<u>Priority Needs</u> - Providing support for the planning and delivery of simulation exercises focused on repatriating citizens.	WHO
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Provided financial support for essential health service delivery through outreach services	

Micronesia, Federated States of	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Priority Needs</u> - COVID-19 awareness - Hygiene promotion - Blood drive and commemoration of World Blood Donor Day 14 June 2020	IFRC

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<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Micronesia Red Cross Society continues to mobilise 133 trained volunteers to conduct COVID-19 awareness and hygiene promotion in four states in FSM. The activity reached a total of 18,457 people in 4 states also covered 1,776 school students and staff from 16 schools in Yap state. 252 soaps were distributed in Kosrae.	
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - IOM in Yap state participated in the State assessment and awareness exercise for local businesses. IOM printed 220 IEC materials on WASH and proper PPE use. IOM in Pohnpei donated 30 mobile phones to the risk communications outreach team, which will be used to collect data.	IOM
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Supported Yap state with the design of COVID-19 risk communication materials	SPC
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Maritime Investment Project Contingency Emergency Component (CERC) USD 2.5 million triggered to response to critical needs for COVID-19 response – Active	WB
<u>Priority Needs</u> - Providing support for the design and delivery of simulation Exercises focused on repatriating citizens and contact tracing in all four states <u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Provided technical assistance to develop quarantine protocols - Provided technical assistance to develop clinical management guidelines - Provided technical assistance to develop essential health service delivery strategy (on-going)	WHO

Nauru	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Provided technical advice to Nauru for updating testing algorithms and clinical management guidelines	SPC
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Bulk shipment of hand sanitizers and hand gloves for Nauru's first responders (Fire, Police, Disaster Management Office and potentially Airport staff) - 479 x 500ml bottles hand sanitizers (approximate 240 litres), 200 boxes of disposable gloves (20 cartons), 97 face masks	UNDP

Niue	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Supported the update of the risk communications and community engagement plan	SPC

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Palau	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Priority Needs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 awareness session - Hygiene promotion - Revision of Emergency Plan of Action for COVID-19 preparedness and response - Blood drive and World Blood Donor Day commemoration <u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Palau Red Cross Society mobilized a total of 85 volunteers continue conducting COVID-19 awareness and hygiene promotion in 16 states and reached 12,386 people. A total of 271 hygiene kits were distributed in three states. 	IFRC
<u>Priority Needs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Providing legal advice for rules and regulations of quarantine and other public health measures <u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provided media training for Palau Media Council on COVID-19 - Provided translation support for risk communication survey in Bengali 	WHO

Samoa	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Priority Needs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 awareness - Hygiene promotion blood drive 	IFRC
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USD \$2.9 million COVID-19 emergency response operation – Effective USD \$2.5m - Catastrophic Deferred Drawdown Option (Cat DDO) disbursed 	WB
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continues to provide technical support towards preparedness (screening, laboratory, hospital repurposing, scalability of plan and facilitation of simulation exercises) - Supplied 2,240 x 500ml hand sanitisers - Engaged two NGOs: ADRA Samoa and Samoa Red Cross Society to conduct household assessment to give a view of the preparedness and readiness at household level to respond to COVID-19 in Samoa - Supported MHPSS team to design and develop information, education, and communication materials for media and community distribution 	WHO

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Solomon Islands	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Funding of SBD \$5.1 million has now been dispersed to provincial health authorities	DFAT
<u>Priority Needs</u> - COVID-19 awareness - Hygiene promotion - Blood Drive and commemoration of World Blood Donor Day <u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - SIRCS deployed 3 staffs and 2 volunteers to support the National Sector Committees who are currently engaged with the Camp Management and Protection Sector Committee as well as logistics at 4 instructional Quarantine Facilities (IQF's) within the Honiara emergency zone.	IFRC
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - USD \$15 million Development Policy Operation (DPO) approved to strengthen public financial management while enabling government to meet costs of COVID-19 preparedness	WB
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Supported the preparation and coordination of the operations involved in two Repatriation flights of 178 passengers (citizens and residents) from Australia, New Zealand, UK, Fiji and Vanuatu, a joint operation between the Ministry of Health and the Airport Ports of Entry Team led by the Civil Aviation (Civil Aviation, Immigration/customs/Biosecurity, Solomon Airlines, Royal Solomon Islands Police Force, NDMO, St John Ambulance and Ministry of Health - Provided technical assistance for the design, planning and facilitation of a 5-day training for 50 team leaders (nurses, doctors, IPC, public health officers, allied health officers, pharmacists, immigration, customs and police officers) of national based health response teams on SOPs linkages, IPC and COVID-19 clinical presentations and epidemiology, Ports of Entry SOPs, Public Health including contact tracing SOPs, EOC and logistics - Provided technical support to identify requirements and develop corresponding checklists for re-opening schools in Solomon Islands. This included direct support to help the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD) to conduct the assessment and analyse the findings as well as a training for 80 teachers including principals and head masters on COVID-19 awareness, IPC/PPE and precautionary measures, WASH requirements at school, screening/triaging/isolation at schools - Provided technical assistance in coordinating the deployment of two SOLMAT teams to Shortland Islands for a period of 14 days each to support the provincial health teams to strengthen COVID-19 preparedness activities including set up of triage and isolation sties/SOPs, Risk Communication/community engagement, Infection Prevention and control, Surveillance/contact training and health quarantine. - Provided technical support to the Ministry of Health and Medical Services to develop a new Molecular Virology Laboratory for Covid-19 testing. WHO rapidly completed an in-depth laboratory assessment for the readiness of qPCR Covid-19 testing capacity which provided clear recommendations that were used in redesigning the laboratory space that is now safe and fit for the purpose of BSL-2 type facility. - Provided Covid-19 qPCR reagents and helped develop SOPs for testing Covid-19 samples. WHO has supported the lab to join an international EQA programme so that its testing capabilities can be continuously improved, and standards maintained	WHO

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Tonga	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Priority Needs</u> - COVID-19 awareness - Hygiene promotion	IFRC
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - A total of 22 staff and volunteers from Ha'apai and Vava'u have completed COVID-19 awareness training; 5000 COVID-19 brochures of basic information on COVID-19 were distributed along with awareness session after. Adapted brochures was also distributed to 103 schools and 70 churches at main island.	
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Transport Project Contingency Emergency Component (CERC) USD \$2.5 million triggered to respond to critical needs for COVID-19 response (plus USD \$400,000 IDA18) – Active	WB

Tuvalu	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Priority Needs</u> - COVID-19 awareness - Hygiene promotion - Blood drive	IFRC
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Maritime Investment in Climate Resilient Operations Contingency Emergency Component (CERC) USD \$2.5 million triggered to response to critical needs for COVID-19 response – Active	WB

Vanuatu	
Country specific needs and activities	Agency
<u>Priority Needs</u> - COVID-19 awareness session - Hygiene promotion - Revision of COVID-19 Emergency Plan of Action	IFRC
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - COVID-19 awareness and hygiene promotion in 3 communities in North Ambrym island of Malampa Province and 6 communities in South West island and Banban area of Sanma Province. The activities were carried out by a total of 12 trained Vanuatu RC volunteers.	
<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - Supported the design of a community-level knowledge, action, and practices (KAP) survey on COVID-19	SPC

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<u>Preparedness and Response Activities</u> - USD \$10 million Catastrophic Deferred Drawdown Option (Cat DDO) - Disbursed	WB
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