

SEAYN 7th Webinar on COVID-19 prevention and response

***Experiences from the
Pacific Youth Network***

Thursday 11 June 2020

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Pacific Youth Network



Our vision

We strive for a Pacific where the unique abilities and contributions of young people as agents of community-based change, as leaders in service delivery, and as partners in organizational decision-making are valued and mobilized in all National Society humanitarian activities in the region to prevent and alleviate human suffering and promote human dignity and peace.

Our mission

To provide a sustainable, accountable and results-oriented platform for Pacific youth leaders to substantially enhance youth involvement and contribution at all levels within every National Society in the region through collaboration, advocacy, joint projects and a genuine, respectful partnership with leaders.

Our principles

Pacific Youth activities are guided by the fundamental principles of the International Movement; Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.



PYN Members



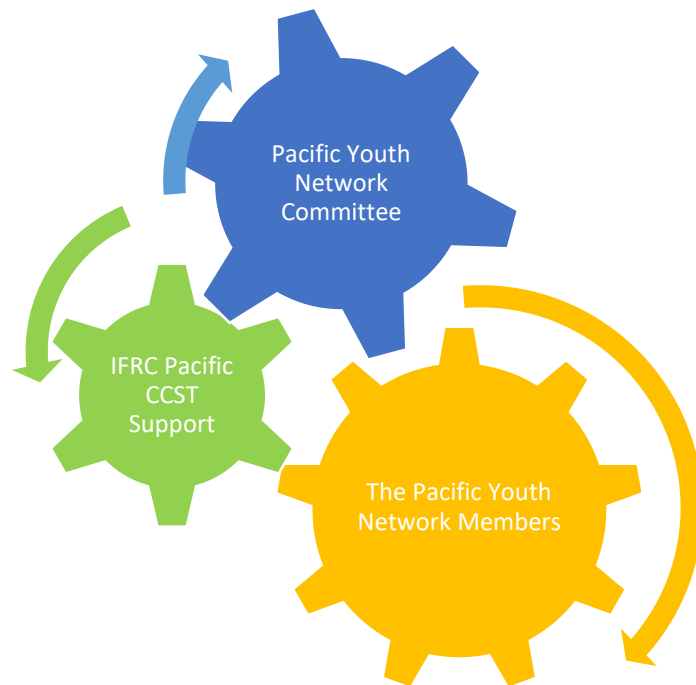
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1. Australia RC
 2. Cook Islands RC
 3. Fiji RC (Chair)
 4. Kiribati RC
 5. Marshall Islands RC
 6. Micronesia RC
 7. New Zealand RC (Committee Member)
 8. Palau RC
 9. Papua New Guinea RC
 10. Samoa RC (Committee Member)
 11. Solomon Islands RC
 12. Tonga RC
 13. Tuvalu RC
 14. Vanuatu RC

The support of the Pacific Youth Network by National Society Leadership at the Pacific Partnership Meeting 2011 and endorsement of the Network during the Pacific Leaders Meeting in 2013 in the margin of the International Conference and Statutory Meetings.

The Network is made up of its members the 14 Pacific NS includes Australia, NZ and PNG.

The ultimate authority and responsibility of the Pacific Youth Network vests in its membership by the National Societies of the Pacific sub-region as per the **PYN guideline**. The PYN Committee is the Executive body of the Pacific Youth Network with secretarial support provided by the IFRC Pacific CCST.

Components and Functions of the PYN



The Committee includes the Chair and two committee members responsible for the management, implementation and supporting the functions of the Network and coordinates with the APYN and other external youth networks in the Pacific.

The Committee is appointed by the by its membership i.e. the youth leaders of the National Societies. Therefore the committee, is responsible for the management, implementation and supporting the operations and functions of the PYN with technical support provided by the IFRC Pacific CCST. The role and function of the committee is outlined in its **Terms of Reference**.

IFRC Pacific CCST provides secretariat and technical support including resource mobilization.

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Fiji Red Cross Society COVID-19 & TC Harold updates

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Overview of COVID-19 and Harold response

COVID Response – First Phase

1. *Volunteer engagement*

- **75 volunteers (5/Branch)** engaged for response, **82 trained online**
- Being increased to 15/Branch for Second phase, totalling **240 volunteers**
- **COVID-19** response guidelines
 - Measures of approach (House to house visits, Online messaging, Community chat groups, Community notices)
- **Workspace precautionary measures**
 - Hygiene stations
 - Visitor restrictions
 - Common Surface areas identification and wipe down

2. *Reach*

- Total of **87 communities** have received information on the COVID-19.
- Total of **2728 households** have been covered which a total of **12,296 population (Male - 6380 / Female - 5919)**



always there

COVID Second Phase

3. Will include the following;

- **Messaging on;**
 - **GESI:** COVID Stigma, Xenophobia and Acceptance, PGI Minimum standards training, Refresher on Code of Conduct and Child protection policy
 - **Health:** Epidemic Control training, Signs & Symptoms of COVID for Community Surveillance
- **Training and Activity dates;**

Dates	22 nd June – 3 rd July	6 th – 17 th July	20 th – 31 st July	3 rd – 28 th August
Activity	Online/Face to face Training	Community messaging	Branch Reporting	Community Surveillance continues
		Community surveillance begins from 13 th July onwards		

- Aiming for completion of all activities by December, 2020

4. Social Media Reach

Activity	Facebook	Twitter	Instagram
Post Reach	399,760	112,146	1009

TC Harold Response

Initial Disaster Response

1. Volunteer engagement

- **5 COVID volunteers + 2 more per Branch engaged, ERT Volunteers.**
 - **29 volunteers** first phase (Kadavu, Southern Lau, Vatulele/Sigatoka, Lautoka, Ba, Tavua, Levuka, Savusavu)
 - **8 volunteers** second phase (Kadavu, Matuku)
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2. Reach

- **208 communities** have been visited and **2136 households** assisted
- Total of **10,563 NFIs**(non food items) distributed benefiting **12,025 people**

- 3. *Social Media Reach*

Activity	Facebook	Twitter	Instagram
Post Reach	337,559	128,121	1011

Key Successes, Challenges & lessons from both the response

Response	Successes	Challenges	Lessons
COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - House to house messaging - Branch networking with MOH and other NGOs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TC Harold response causing delays to COVID response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritizing activities - Team allocation / delegation
TC Harold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NFI Reports for the first phase - Stock take - Identification for needs for recovery - Relaxed COVID restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still responding to affected families – out of house to house assessments in second phase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Differing IDA forms, and the need to have a single standard one

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PALAU RED CROSS SOCIETY



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Summary of COVID-19 SITUATION:

REGION	TOTAL SUSPECTED CASES	TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES	TOTAL NEW CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	TRANSMISSION
0	0	0	0	0	0

- ❖ Palau Red Cross Society activated its EOC on March 25, 2020
- ❖ Mobilization of 40 volunteers
- ❖ NS to assist MOH on distribution of IEC materials
- ❖ NS to conduct assessment of households and delivery of hygiene kits

HIGHLIGHTS

8 out of 16 states:

- May 15 – 16: Hygiene kits were distributed at Kayangel. -
- May 19: Hygiene kits were distributed at Melekeok. -
- May 22: Hygiene kits for Ngiwal were packed at HQ. 75 hygiene kits were distributed to vulnerable groups in Ngiwal.
- 200 packs of chickens were distributed to vulnerable-populations in Ngarchelong & Ngaraard. –
- May 25 – 27: 200 hygiene kits were packed and distributed in Peleliu and Angaur –
- May 29: 71 hygiene Kits were distributed in Ngchesar.

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TONGA RED CROSS SOCIETY

TC Harold and COVID19
Response

Youth & Volunteers Engagement

Overview of Working Across Cyclone Harold & COVID19

Team Work

Internally and Externally



Risk Comms

15,000 leaflet distributed



Including Elderlies, PWD, LGBTI, School Students

Community Engagements

Disseminate Information and Hand Washing Demonstration in Communities

Soap distributions to households indicated from MIA.



New to the role
Fast learner and Dedicate staff
Volunteers were ready

But limited resources due to restrictions

Clear Comms Channel

Inter Organization and Lead Ministries



Volunteer Mobilizations



Migrants Support

International Nationals



Key Success!

- **We can locally manage our operation**
- **Learnt a lot from local experts learning from each other**
- **Easy to coordinate Cyclone Harold**
- **Working Together as one team (Internal and External partners)**
- **Distributions of soaps to households indicated from MIA, and to all school i.e. pre schools, halls and churches including outer islands branches using OICs and Branch Volunteers.**

Challenges!

- **Lock down Challenges & Restrictions i.e. mass gatherings**
- **PPE were not in place for our Staff and Volunteers**
- **Slower of financial procedures in the midst of Lockdown , ban closed**

Lessons!

- **Better Ready next time e.g. Pandemic for any kind of Emergencies**
- **Have a back up plan for Volunteers and Staff in operation (Insurance covered)**
- **Re – Invent ways in Youth and Volunteers and Engagements.**



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VANUATU RED CROSS SOCIETY



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Youth Volunteer Officer



Summary of COVID19 SITUATION

- Country – Vanuatu
- Total confirm cases – 0
- Total new cases – 0
- Total deaths – 0
- Transmission – None known
- Covid19 prevention and awareness are ongoing in Sanma, Penama and Malampa provinces within TC Harold response, through an integrated approach where possible.
- Testing capacity for COVID19 is now available at Vila Central Hospital for suspected COVID 19 cases.



COVID 19 PUBLIC HEALTH & HYGIENE AWARENESS

VRCS main COVID 19 response has been to raise hand washing awareness through out Vanuatu communities in line with key messages from IFRC and the Vanuatu ministry of Health(MOH). In many communities, branches have also built hand washing stations. These efforts so far have reached over 20,000 people, in over 100 communities (data is still getting updated) across the country.

While immediate and priority response for those communities affected by TC Harold, VRCS endeavors to continue to encourage, enable, and facilitate safe practice for prevention of COVID 19. WASH awareness activity in the community also includes COVID 19 key messages



COVID 19 PUBLIC HEALTH & HYGIENE TRACKING

PROVINCE	NO. OF VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED	COMMUNITIES REACHED	TOTAL POPULATION REACHED
Tafea	37	141	5739
Torba	5	47	2285
Shefa	8	14	Approx.960
Malampa	4	25	Data still needs to be update
Sanma	8	6	Data still needs to be
TOTAL NUMBER	62	233	8,984 People



VOLUNTEER CHALLENGES

- Our biggest challenge to these response of COVID 19 is that we do not have proper PPE kits for our volunteers to protect themselves while on mission. We are so lucky therefore that Vanuatu is COVID 19 free.



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Thank You!



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