SEAYN 7th Webinar on COVID-19 prevention and response

Experiences from the Pacific Youth Network

Thursday 11 June 2020
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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.
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 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

SEAYN and PYN Webinar

11 June 2020
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)**
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;

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<th>22(^{nd}) June – 3(^{rd}) July</th>
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<td>Community messaging</td>
<td>Branch Reporting</td>
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<td>Community surveillance begins from 13(^{th}) July onwards</td>
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- Aiming for completion of all activities by December, 2020

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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)
   - COVID-19 response guidelines
     - Measures of approach (House to house visits, Online messaging, Community chat groups, Community notices)
   - Workspace precautionary measures
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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
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**Key Successes, Challenges & lessons from both the response**

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<td>- TC Harold response causing delays to COVID response</td>
<td>- Prioritizing activities</td>
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<td>- Branch networking with MOH and other NGOs.</td>
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<td>- Team allocation / delegation</td>
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<td>TC Harold</td>
<td>- NFI Reports for the first phase</td>
<td>- Still responding to affected families – out of house to</td>
<td>- Differing IDA forms, and the need to have a single standard one</td>
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<td>- Stock take</td>
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<td>- Identification for needs for recovery</td>
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<td>- Relaxed COVID restrictions</td>
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Summary of COVID-19 SITUATION:

- 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

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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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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

Clear Comms Channel
Inter Organization and Lead Ministries

Community Engagements
Disseminate Information and Hand Washing Demonstration in Communities
Soap distributions to households indicated from MIA.

Volunteer Mobilizations

Migrants Support
International Nationals

New to the role
Fast learner and Dedicate staff

Volunteers were ready
But limited resources due to restrictions
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.

TONGA RED CROSS SOCIETY
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VANUATU RED CROSS SOCIETY

Jessica Binihi
Vanuatu Red Cross Society
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.
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

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<td><strong>TOTAL NUMBER</strong></td>
<td><strong>62</strong></td>
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<td><strong>8,984 People</strong></td>
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• Our biggest challenge to the 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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TUMAS!!!!!!
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Thank You!