



Pacific
Humanitarian
Team

Realigning the Pacific Humanitarian Team Approach

Pacific Humanitarian Partnership Meeting

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Common Feedback

- Confusion around **the role of the PHT and how it – including regional clusters – relates to national systems** and structures. What is the PHT and what does it do exactly?
- Concern international staff come in after a disaster and **don't know about existing systems and structures**. They try to bring in standard international systems and ways of working and don't pay enough respect to existing national structures.
- National governments / partners want to better understand international systems and mechanisms. They want to know **what support is available and how it can be activated**.



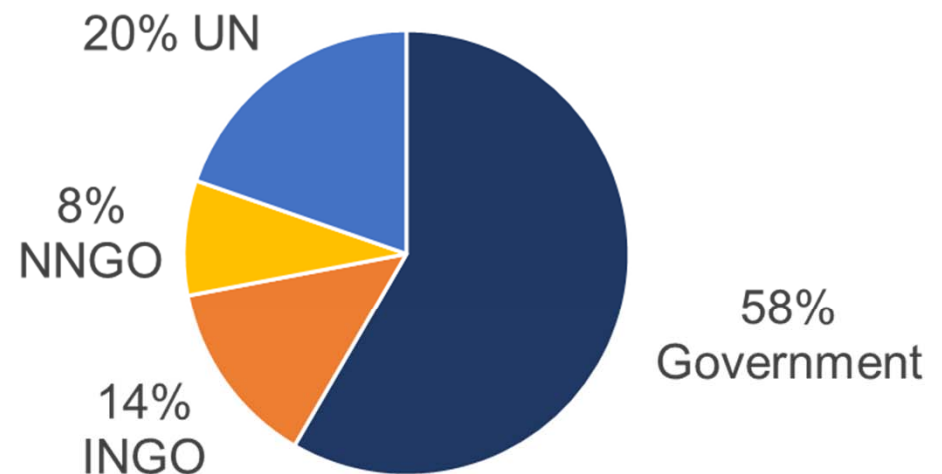
How we got to here

- Pre-PHT**
 - Existing, and evolving, national disaster management systems and capacity.
 - Existing international support – UN, NGOs, bi-lateral
- 2008**
 - PHT established** at first Regional Inter-Agency Contingency Workshop “**to foster regional partnerships and thereby improve regional humanitarian response capacity**”
- 2009**
 - Regional Inter-Agency Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPREP)** developed
- 2012**
 - PHT endorsed by Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)** as part of the global humanitarian system



PHT in Disaster Response

- Since 2008 the **PHT has responded to more than 30 disasters in both the North and South Pacific**
- The PHT has mobilized technical expertise, relief items and funding in support of national disaster responses
- In TC Winston and TC Pam, PHT supported appeals raised more than US\$42 million
- **Two-thirds (66%) of funding received under the TC Winston Flash Appeal was for activities implemented by national Government and NGOs**



Drivers for Change

Lessons from Recent Disasters

- TC Pam, TC Winston, El Nino
- Feedback & After Action Reviews

World Humanitarian Summit

- Pacific Consultations (2015)
- Istanbul Summit (2016)

Changes in External Environment

- Increasing national capacity
- Shift towards integrated approach



- 1. What is the PHT?**
- 2. What does the PHT do in Response?**
- 3. What does the PHT do in Preparedness?**
- 4. Country Preparedness Package Pilot**



What is the PHT?

- **A network of humanitarian organisations that work together to assist Pacific Island countries in preparing for and responding to disasters.**
- The PHT recognises and respects national Government leadership in disaster preparedness and response
- The PHT is guided by and committed to humanitarian principles and gender equality.
- The PHT promotes participation and accountability towards affected communities to ensure the needs and rights of all disaster affected people are met, including the most marginalized and vulnerable.



PHT Structures

**PHT Heads of
Organisation Group
or 'Principals'**

**Regional
Inter-Cluster
Group**

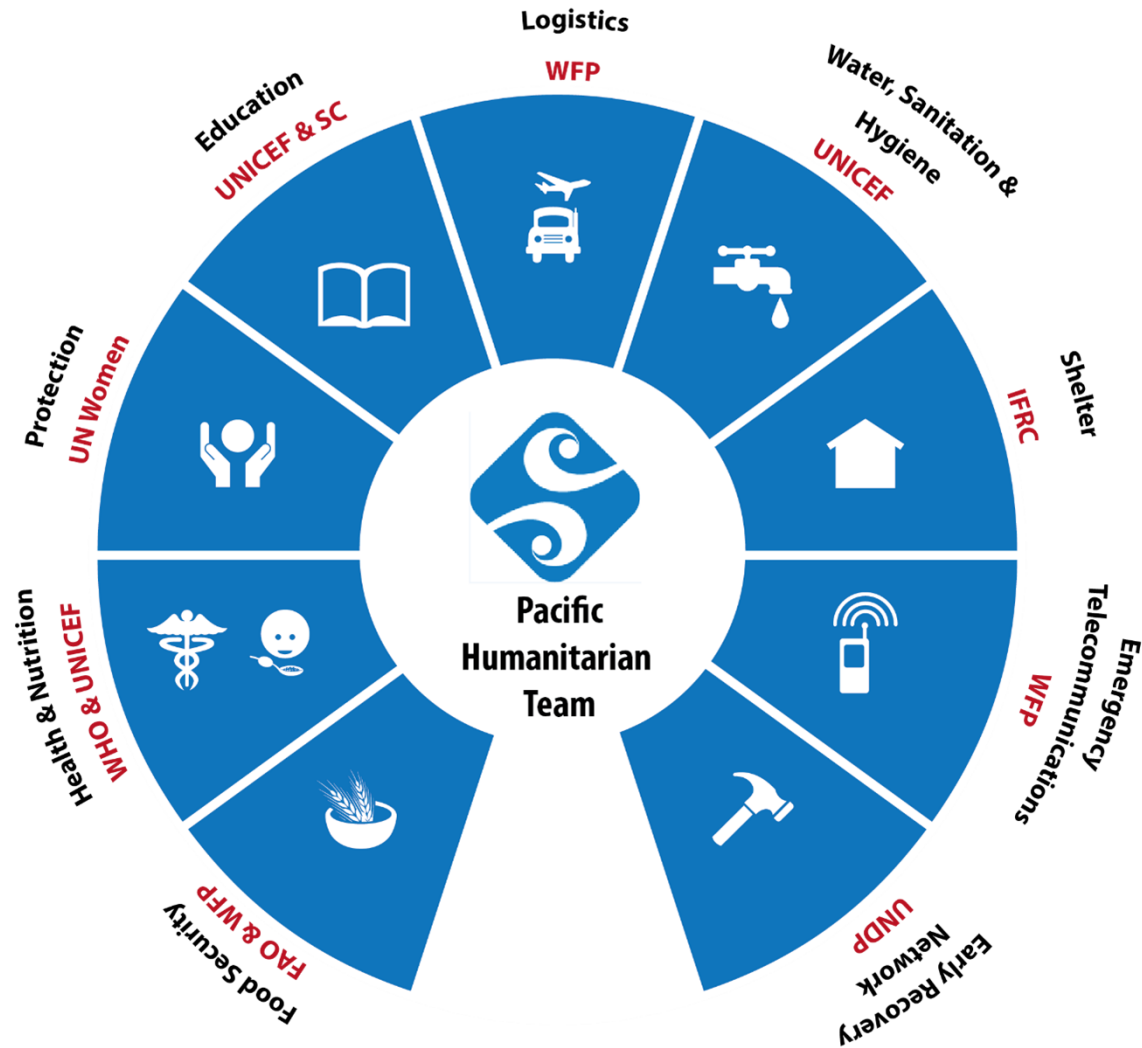
Cluster Support Teams
- 9 Cluster Support Teams
- Lead Agencies

- Email groups
- Online information systems
pht.humanitarianresponse.info
- Pacific Humanitarian Partnership (PHP) meetings

**OCHA
(PHT Secretariat)**



Cluster Support Teams



What does the PHT do in Response?

Provide **support to existing national and local response systems**, based on specific requests for assistance from national Governments.

Resource Mobilisation

Emergency Stocks

Technical Expertise

Coordination Support

Assessment Support

IM Support

Communications and Advocacy



What does the PHT do in Preparedness?

Work with national Governments and partners to ensure necessary arrangements are in place to enable effective international support to a nationally-led disaster response.

The PHT's has now adopted a **country-specific approach to its preparedness work**. This recognises that every country and every context is different, and requires unique approach

Country Preparedness Package (CPP)



Country Preparedness Package (CPP) Pilot

- A process in which national and international actors develop and agree upon **a country-specific approach** for how they will work together in a disaster
- **International actors more aware of existing national disaster plans, systems and structures**
- National actors become **more aware of international support options** and how they can be activated
- Developed and agreed with the national government in advance of a disaster



CPP Sections

CPP is broken into Sections, each focused on a particular issue or topic.

Each section will document key information about that topic including;

National Arrangements

- Summary of existing national systems and structures
- Links to key national reference documents (eg disaster plans)
- Names and contacts for key national structures

Support Arrangements

- Based on discussions with national government and partners
- Outline likely international support needs and how they will fit into national structures

Reference Information

- Links to international reference documents and guidance
- Provides reference standards as a guide



CPP Sections

Basic Requirements

- Risk Monitoring Mechanism
- Legislation (inc IDRL)
- Disaster Structures, Plans, Policies and SOPs
- Engagement of Prime Minister / Senior Political Figures
- Engagement of Ministries (inc Planning & Finance)
- Awareness of International Humanitarian Systems & Principles
- Gender and Protection Mainstreaming
- Plan / Mechanisms for Slow Onset Disasters

Coordination Arrangements

- National Level Partner Coordination Mechanism (eg Clusters)
- Sub-National Level Partner Coordination Mechanisms
- NGO Coordination/ Engagement Mechanism
- Civil-Military Coordination Arrangements
- Private Sector Engagement & Coordination
- Partner Presence and Capacity Mapping

Advanced Preparedness Planning

- Disaster or Simulation in Past 18 Months
- Specific Contingency Plan

Information & Assessments

- Assessment Protocols / Mechanisms
- Information Management Systems (inc Data Preparedness)
- Response Monitoring Mechanisms
- Public Information Mechanisms (inc Communicating with Communities)

Operational Arrangements

- Emergency Funding Mechanisms (inc Funds & Systems)
- Logistics Capacity, Planning & Infrastructure
- Emergency Telecommunications
- Standard Relief Assistance Package Planning
- Visa/Entry Requirements

Cluster / Sector Arrangements

- Health & Nutrition
- Education
- WASH
- Food Security & Livelihoods
- Protection
- Shelter
- Early Recovery



Completed Country Preparedness Package

- **Agreed with national government and partners**
- Made available online on humanitarianresponse.info
- Able to be updated with new national arrangements or support agreements
- Printable version able to be given to incoming international staff
- **Used as the basis for quickly deploying tailored international support to nationally-led disaster response operations**



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