Highlights

- 4,373 children have received micronutrient supplements and 41 cases of severe acute malnutrition have been treated
- Nation-wide measles and rubella vaccination campaign planning, including communications, is underway
- 6,113 child caregivers have been counseled on good infant and young child feeding practices
- The WASH cluster reached 135,999 people with hygiene and sanitation promotion messages; UNICEF used mass media campaigns, brochures, radio, SMS and newspapers to reach 74,660 of these people
- 150 children have been provided with psychosocial support and messaging on disaster risk reduction in Shefa (Eratap and North Efate) and Tafea (Aneityum) Provinces
- 255 service providers have been trained in child protection in emergencies
- Government of Vanuatu and humanitarian partners completed lessons learned exercises for Clusters, and launched new process for submission and approval of projects for the Resilience and Recovery Plan.

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166,600 people on 22 islands affected, including 82,000 children

135,999 people affected by the cyclone have been reached with hygiene and sanitation promotion messages

21,995 people, of which 5,682 are children, have been issued with birth certificates

6,133 caregivers of children aged 0 – 23 months have received counselling on good infant and young child feeding practices
Overview and Coordination

The Government has called for donors to support its newly published Resilience and Recovery Plan. Under this plan, line ministries are tasked with vetting all sector interventions and obtaining clearance from the Department for Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination. The responsible people in sector ministries the last two weeks, and they are setting up the mechanisms and processes by which partners are able to ensure all new projects linked to the recovery plan are approved.

The next report on the Humanitarian Action Plan and the 3Ws document that outlines the operational presence by sector and location within an emergency are due in the next two weeks, and serve as an update as the HAP comes to an end as of 31 July 2015. The end of July will also be the last SitRep produced by UNICEF.

In June, Clusters conducted Lessons Learned and After Action Review exercises, and some humanitarian partners also produced lessons learned and recommendations that were presented in Auckland at a Pacific regional meeting preparatory to the World Humanitarian Summit. UNICEF contributed to review exercises across a range of clusters, and will conduct its own AAR in August (covering all Cyclone Pam affected countries.)

UNICEF is transitioning from supporting cluster coordination and information management of the WASH sector and by mid-July will have handed over the coordination tools and information database to the Department of Water, Geology, Mines and Water Resources.

UNICEF is still managing warehouse space in Port Vila for temporary storage and/or packing of supplies related to Cyclone Pam relief and early recovery.

UNICEF response

Education

The need for temporary learning spaces is receding as schools go into the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase. The Ministry of Education and Training has formed a committee to oversee reconstruction plans, and ensure approval based on the Ministry’s building standards.

UNICEF has begun talks with the Government to ensure the resumption in August of the development activities set out in the 2015 UNICEF/Ministry of Education and Training annual work plan, with some adjustments due to Cyclone Pam.

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1 The NDMO estimates the number of affected children to be 70,000. However, the total number of children residing in the affected provinces exceeds this estimate.

2 Number of children aged under 5 in five affected provinces (SOURCE: NDMO projected figures in 2013).

3 Number of children aged 6-23 months in five affected provinces (SOURCE: NDMO projected figures in 2013 and WHO Emergency tool 6.3 RefValues, March 2012).

4 Number of pregnant women in five affected provinces (SOURCE: NDMO projected figures in 2013 and WHO Emergency tool 6.3 RefValues, March 2012).
Learning materials are still in demand. The new supplies that have just arrived in-country will be sorted, packed and sent out to more than 2,000 children in primary schools on Ambae and Maewo. Field monitoring reports consistently demonstrate that the student backpacks have been a strong incentive for children to return to school after the cyclone, and have made access to these supplies equitable.

Through UNICEF support, 779 education service providers, caregivers and children in early childhood care and education centres and primary schools have been reached with orientation on how to provide psychosocial support, as well as direct psychosocial support and messaging on disaster risk reduction. Of these, approximately 150 children were provided with psychosocial support in Shefa (Eratap and North Efate) and Tafea (Aneityum) provinces. These were supported by the use of storybooks and posters about life before, during and after a Cyclone, developed and tested through a participatory process in Vanuatu.

**Health and Nutrition**

Preparation for the 2015 nationwide measles and rubella campaign began with a national advocacy meeting led by the Ministry of Health on 2 July with support from UNICEF, WHO and Save the Children. It was well attended by the provincial government, provincial health and education offices as well as people from the media and private sector.

Routine immunization outreach activities have been re-activated in four provinces: Malampa, Penama, Sanma and Torba. Solar powered refrigerators for storage of vaccines have been installed in Rensarie and Tenmaru health centres in Malampa province.

Through UNICEF support, 35 per cent of the 12,500 targeted children aged between 6 and 59 months (4,373 children: 2,220 boys and 2,153 girls) have now received micronutrient supplements across Malampa, Shefa and Tafea provinces. Distribution of the supplement continues across the four provinces with the next distribution in Shefa (including Port Vila) planned for 16 – 24 July. A media and advocacy campaign is planned to support distribution.

An additional 1,767 of the targeted mothers of children aged 0 – 23 months in the provinces of Shefa, Malampa and Tafea have received infant and young child feeding practices counselling from frontline health workers at the community level through UNICEF support. Ninety-four per cent of the 6,500 caregivers targeted by UNICEF have been reached.

To date, screening has identified 41 cases of severe acute malnutrition, all of whom were referred and treated at a hospital with inpatient therapeutic facilities (three hospitals now have this capacity).

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

Three WASH partners with agreements with UNICEF have completed their water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions, while the rest are conducting the final stages of implementation across Tanna, Epi, Tongoa, Sheperds and Efate.

Through efficiency gains, the target of 70,000 people benefitting from hygiene and sanitation promotion was exceeded. Ongoing interventions, through Training of Trainers on hygiene, are being delivered to school teachers. Sanitation construction training for volunteers also is being conducted. Ongoing UNICEF partnerships will increase the number of people accessing sanitation facilities.

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5 The figure 779 represents a combination of education services providers, caregivers and children. At the time of writing, it was not possible to access a breakdown of how many education services providers and caregivers were reached.
While all evidence suggests that communities were able to do the quick fixes to toilets and latrines without external assistance, an overall lack of progress in the area of sanitation has led to the creation of a Sanitation Working Group, chaired by Live and Learn and supported by the WASH Cluster. At the first meeting it was decided that since most of the quick fixes were completed, the Working Group would focus on a reconstruction strategy. The first step was to pull all existing documents together. This is currently being done by the Environmental Health Section in the Ministry of Health.

The main conclusions of the provincial WASH ‘lessons learned’ process were that existing systems for preparedness, response, and coordination and information management need to be strengthened rather than replaced. To improve future WASH responses, provincial contingency plans and standard operating procedures need to be developed to incorporate the lessons learned. In combination with appropriate levels of contingency stocks at the provincial level, information management needs to be strengthened at all levels --from the community disaster committees through to NDMO-- and during all stages of the emergency (preparedness, response and coordination).

For preparedness it is important to: clarify the roles and responsibilities of WASH actors at national, provincial and community level; strengthen information sharing and communication between national and provincial levels; and develop clear contingency plans, standard operating procedures, emergency budgets and stocks. It is also important to establish contingency plans, pre-agree on assessment forms, and draw much more on existing and local knowledge. Other recommendations of the review included quicker development of coordination and information sharing; and developing linkages with the private sector for faster access to supplies, materials and transport logistics. In the area of coordination, the focus was on links between national and provincial coordination and ensuring the participation of women. Conclusions for information management emphasised establishing and respecting information flows; making mapping files and common place names available; and ensuring assessment data is more quickly collected, processed and utilized.

**Child Protection**

An additional 301 children have been provided with replacement birth certificates through the UNICEF-supported emergency mobile birth registration service, in partnership with Ministry of Internal Affairs and Civil Registry, bringing the number of children registered post Pam to 5,682. To date, 21,995 people have benefited from the mobile registration campaign. Of these, 7,317 people, including 3,773 children, have been newly registered and issued with birth certificates. The registration campaigns for Epi and the Shepherd islands have been completed while the campaign in Efate (including Port Vila) is continuing.

Seventy-one service providers including church leaders, community leaders, teachers and youth leaders in Port Vila, Tanna and Erromango participated in four child protection in emergency and psychosocial support orientations organized jointly by UNICEF, Vanuatu Christian Council, and the Ministry of Youth, Development and Training. This brings the number of service providers trained to 255.

Through UNICEF support, 72 children and youths and 85 parents and caregivers participated in psychosocial support sessions on Pentecost and Tanna organized by the Ministry of Youth Development and Training. Due to increased demand for similar sessions with other community groups, sessions are being planned for other islands. Through a partnership with the Just Play Sports for Development Programme, at least 10,000 children will be reached on Tanna, Emae and Efate – some of the most cyclone-affected islands.

**Communication for Development (C4D) and Advocacy**

UNICEF has signed a new contract with Further Arts, a local youth not-for-profit media organisation, to produce 3-minute videos on UNICEF’s programmes and children after Cyclone Pam. The crew started filming on Efate and interviewed over 20 children about their lives a few months after Cyclone Pam. More children will be interviewed to talk about their experiences.

UNICEF Pacific has a new Ambassador; the Vanuatu Women’s Beach Volleyball team. They are currently the only Pacific team participating in the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Beach Volleyball World
Championships, which is an important qualification event for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. A press release was published and our UNICEF talk show interviewed the president of the Vanuatu Women’s Beach Volleyball team.

Supply and Logistics

UNICEF received 69 sets of schools-in-a-box which are undergoing repacking in preparation to be sent out as stuffed student backpacks: 1,000 backpacks have been completed and another 1,000 are being stuffed.

Through support from the Swedish Civil Contingency Agency (MSB), UNICEF has received a Warehouse Manager to support the office through the end of October 2015.

Funding

UNICEF’s appeal for emergencies in the Pacific, which was raised through the Humanitarian Action for Children (UNICEF’s HAC), is fully funded. These funds are being utilised for the responses in Vanuatu, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Solomon Islands.

UNICEF Pacific and its field office in Vanuatu are very grateful to have received funds from Australia, Estonia, France, Japan, Lithuania, the United Kingdom, the UNICEF National Committee for Australia, the UNICEF National Committee for New Zealand, the UNICEF National Committee for the United Kingdom, the Japan Committee for UNICEF, the Luxembourg Committee for UNICEF, the United States Fund for UNICEF, the UNICEF National Committee for France, the OFC and UNOCHA.

These contributions have allowed UNICEF to reach children and families with essential services and supplies, and to support the Governments in the coordination of humanitarian clusters.

Results

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6 Targets are for Vanuatu.
7 As the targeted delivery of Measles vaccination has now been completed, this result is not expected to increase but may change slightly due to lagged reporting and data cleaning.
8 The numbers for water supply and water system repair have both dropped. This is due to reporting errors that have been corrected due to post distribution monitoring by partners and the removal of database errors.
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9 The significant increase in the number for Hygiene Promotion is due to the inclusion of the mass media campaigns completed by UNICEF (radio, newspaper and SMS).

10 This figure has remained consistent from that of the last reporting period. The Government, with UNICEF support, is reaching education service providers and caregivers and at the time of the writing it was not possible to get the breakdown of how many education services providers and caregivers were reached.