



Prepositioning
emergency SRH
supplies as part of
humanitarian
preparedness

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Dignity kit distribution, Myanmar

Why preposition supplies as part of preparedness?



Response = speed + scale + quality



Prepositioning improves quality and speed of response

Success stories: Philippines



Marawi Crisis: Having supplies prepositioned in Manila meant that when a request came through on Friday night they were on the ground in Iligan on Monday morning.



Mount Mayon: UNFPA has maternity tent sets that contains the tent and all the supplies that are needed to set up a basic maternity unit prepositioned. Jiassal Balatinsayo gave birth the day after a maternity tent set was erected following the eruption of Mount Mayon.



*Left: Asni Omar, 17, delivered her first baby in a facility 45 minutes from Majad Rashida Evacuation Center (Ron Villas, UNFPA)
Right: The maternity tent set where Jiassal Balatinsayo gave birth following the eruption of Mount Mayon.*

Success stories: Nepal earthquake

Prepositioned supplies were the only supplies UNFPA had on the ground for four weeks as Kathmandu's single airstrip was used for all humanitarian supplies arriving in country.

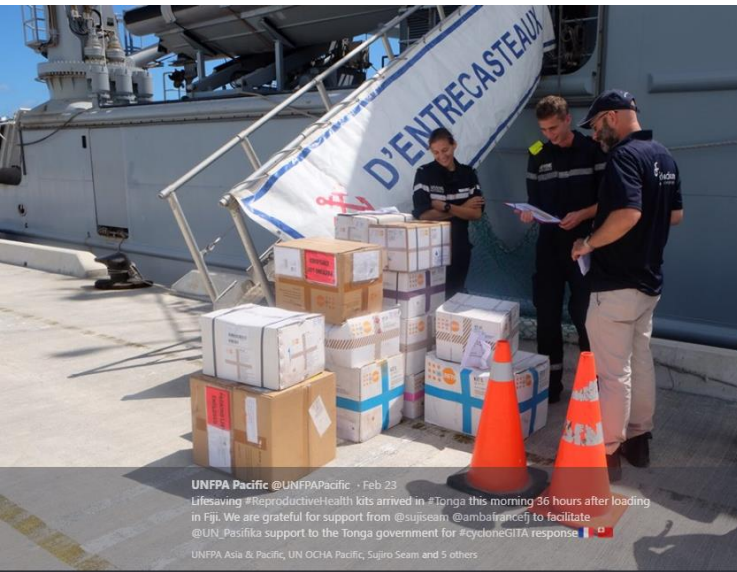


*Left: Devastation from the earthquake
Right: An 8 months pregnant woman with her kids, receives UNFPA dignity kit during response, Nepal*



Success stories: Cyclone Gita

Two days after Cyclone Gita devastated Tonga supplies were on the ground from our regional hub in Brisbane; 36 hours later additional supplies arrived from Fiji. The cost of airfreighting supplies would have been more than double the value of the supplies and taken a minimum of ten additional days.



Lessons from prepositioning



Cyclone Winston response, Fiji

- The type and quantity of prepositioned supplies must be carefully considered to ensure minimal wastage and manageable inventory management.
- Sufficient investment in humanitarian logistics capacity is needed to support prepositioning.
- Prepositioning supplies improves the quality of what is available at the onset of a disaster.
- Prepositioned supplies can be utilized immediately.
- Prepositioning saves lives.

Preparedness saves lives!



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