

As many as 4.7 million people in 13 Pacific countries (2.4 million in PNG and the total populations of the remaining Pacific nations) are at risk of adverse effects of drought including water shortages, food insecurity and disease. Governments are taking measures to mitigate the potential impacts of the drought. The government is delivering water to drought affected areas in Fiji. The Vanuatu government is delivering food to affected communities especially those affected by Tropical cyclone Pam. In Papua New Guinea, the drought and frost have impacted economic, agricultural, education and health sectors. It is anticipated that the current situation will become devastating if the drought continues. Key needs include the provision of drinking water, food and purification tablets.

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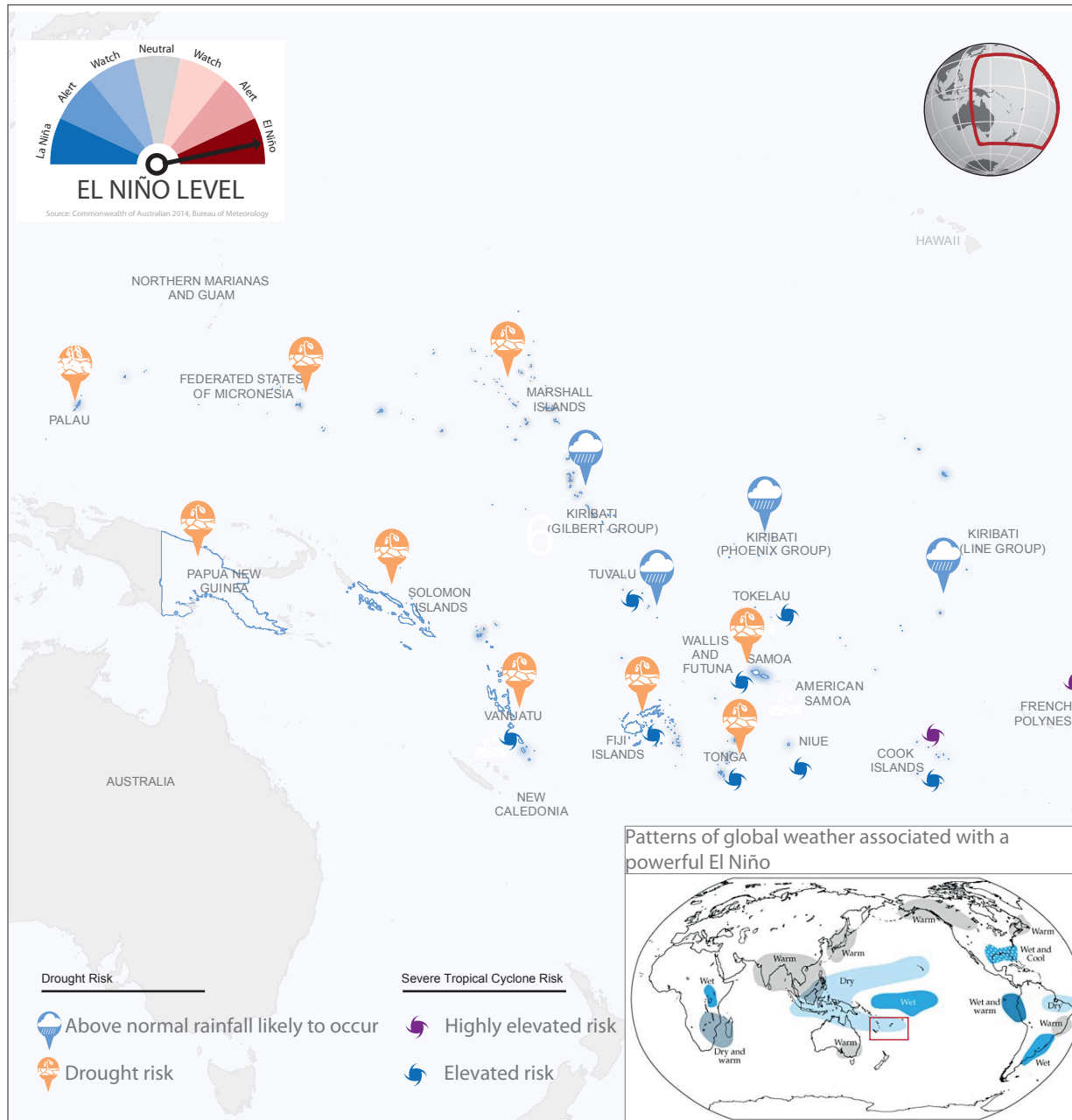
people might be affected by drought in 11 Pacific countries

14 cyclones

Region	Average no of Tropical Cyclones	Chance of more Tropical cyclones
Western	7	15%
Eastern	10	48%

Source: Commonwealth of Australia 2015, Bureau of Meteorology

Ten to fourteen tropical cyclones expected to occur during the 2015/2016 cyclone season with four to eight expected to reach category 3 and 3 to 7 of these expected to reach category 4 or 5 status.



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FIJI

67,000

people targetted with water deliveries in western and northern divisions of Fiji

VANUATU

90,000

people are being targeted with food distributions to areas recovering from TC Pam effects

40%

of communities expected to run out of safe drinking water in the coming month

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Bellona island in Renbel province is in critical condition due to impacts of drought.

100%

of water tanks emptied and most people currently using coastal brackish water of questionable quality

70%

of crops in Bellona island have been damaged due to extreme heat

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schools have closed in Bellona island, Renbel province and others across the country at risk of closure due to water shortages. Police Stations and hospitals are also facing possible closure.