

**Myanmar: Cyclone Nargis
Logistics Cluster Meeting
Chatrium Hotel, Yangon
11 July 2008, 14:00 hours**

AIRBRIDGE into Yangon

- Following technical problems that kept the aircraft grounded, the Iluyshin 76 has returned to operation, as of 10 July. It will return to 2 rotations a day.
- The AN 12 remains contracted until 21 July and the Il 76 until 23 July. At present, an extension to the contract of the Il 76 is not a possibility do to maintenance schedule. However an alternative is being sought.
- As was communicated on Thursday July 10th, As of Monday July 14th 1. The Cluster will no longer be able to accept cargo delivered to Don Muang. 2. No further Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) will be accepted for movement of cargo by air or sea. And 3. Cargo for which we have a current CMR and which is available at suppliers in Bangkok, but not yet delivered to the Staging Area warehouse, arrangements will be made to load cargo into containers for sea shipment. Organisations should now be bringing cargo directly into Yangon via their own means.
- The Cluster can continue to facilitate air services for organisations, in addition to all other steps involved in bringing priority cargo in by air (handling, clearance, offloading etc.) The Cluster can also facilitate the import of cargo coming in via commercial airlines. For these purposes, it is critical that organisations process the appropriate paperwork in a timely and accurate manner.
- Sea transport is being organized from Bangkok to Yangon for all cargo currently awaiting transport that cannot be moved by air. Multiple vessels will likely be required. Space has now been secured on the first, which is scheduled to depart Thailand on 17 July. As multiple shipments will be required to move the pending cargo, the number and space secured will be confirmed.
- Given the volume of pending cargo to be transported by sea, the Cluster is attempting to secure additional warehouse space in Yangon. If any organizations are willing to share space in a new warehouse, please let the Cluster know so that an arrangement can be made.
- Organizations holding additional cargo with local suppliers in Bangkok may discuss transport arrangements with the Cluster bilaterally.
- For organisations that have previously submitted CMR, but did not move their cargo to the Cluster warehouse in the absence of available space, discussions about moment of cargo can be taken up bilaterally.

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

- Care had provided and the Cluster will circulate official Guidelines, which must be followed precisely in order to ensure an expedited clearance process. It is also essential that organisations apply for a letter of recommendation from the Ministry of Social Welfare prior to undertaking the clearance process.

- It is expected that, as the emergency phase continues to wind down, processing times may increase marginally. In the event that these times extend beyond what is reasonable for our purposes, the issue may be taken up with the TCG.

HELICOPTER OPERATION

- With the continued rains, rivers are rising and flood plains are becoming inaccessible even to small boats. An increasing number of areas will soon be inaccessible to all but helicopter transport. Organizations are invited to discuss their longer-term distribution planning with WFP aviation.
- Two to three days notice from the organizations wishing to have cargo delivered by helicopter would help optimize helicopter capacity. The Logistics Cluster and WFP aviation remain available to discuss helicopter distribution options and assist in any way possible.
- The helicopters and containers will be moved onto the main apron of the airport, eliminating the need for passenger buses and allowing for an 8 am departure time. This came into effect on 9 July.
- One helicopter has now been dedicated to passenger flights only, allowing staff visiting the field a more reasonable period of time on the ground to complete duties before returning to Yangon. Passenger requests will now be facilitated by the provision of an electronic ticket for flights, made available by email prior to departure.
- Passengers booked for helicopter transport are asked to phone aviation to cancel if they do not intend to take the flight. This will allow for any necessary scheduling reorganization, as well as to accommodation requests from waiting-list passengers. If passengers continue canceling without notice, their organizations may be informed and measures taken.
- The helicopter operation is still running five helicopters. Four fly each day, allowing for crew rest and maintenance. In addition, Sunday will now be a no-fly day, although a standby aircraft and crew will be available for emergencies. A seamless service will continue to be provided during the remainder of the week.
- Any additional requests or concerns related to the helicopter operation should be directed to the Cluster.

ROADS AND WATERWAYS

- The road to Labutta will remain open through the rainy season for trucks of 5 mt.
- 2 boats will be departing on 12 July and a further on the afternoon of 13 July, or morning of 14 July at the latest.
- The sooner the Logistics Cluster is informed of cargo to move, the better able it is to maximize capacity.
- Requests for releases from the Yangon warehouse should be made before 8 am so that proper planning can take place.

HUBS

- 20 MSUs have been made available for loans to those continuing in the Nargis operation. All requests for space have now been received by the Cluster and who gets what where will be communicated shortly.
- Existing warehouse facilities at the hub locations will continue to remain at the disposal of organisations after August 10, for an indefinite period. Please keep the Cluster updated with the volume and duration of ongoing requirements, so as to ensure that these can be fully utilized.
- Training sessions on basic warehouse management and MSU erection will be held for staff in the Delta. The first has been scheduled for 21-23 July in Bogale. Organisations should advise the Cluster of interested participants. The Cluster will provide necessary labour, in addition to lunch for participants, while organisations must cover their staffs' accommodation in Bogale.

NOTE: Organisations are requested to peruse the **attached** warehouse stock report and start to move pending cargo where possible, in order to ensure that all items are out by August 10.

Warehouse information is available below and on the Logistics Cluster website.

Pyapon: 2,440 sqm operational - 10 MSU (480 sqm dedicated to MSF-CH, 280 to ACF, 240 to CARE, UNICEF, IFRC, WFP, STC, WVI and Cluster NFI)

Bogale: 1,680 sqm operational - 7 MSU (720 sqm dedicated to UNICEF, 240 to IOM, ACF, GAA and 240 shared WFP/MSF-CH)

Mawlanyaingyun: 17 units (3,520 sqm) of a warehouse provided by MAPT. 2,484 sqm are currently operational, another 1,035 are undergoing repairs. 1,242 dedicated to WFP, 621 to STC, 207 to UNICEF and French Red Cross, and another 207 is shared UNICEF/French Red Cross

Labutta: 1,680 sqm – 7 MSU (240 sqm dedicated to UNICEF, 720 to WFP, 240 to Merlin, Malteser and Cluster NFI)

Pathein: 1,600 sqm in MAPT w/h – 4 units (400 sqm is dedicated to UNICEF, 400 to WVI, 400 to shared Cluster NFI)

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Next Yangon Logistics Cluster Meeting: Tuesday 15th July at 14:00 hours

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