

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN NWFP-PAKISTAN

CONTEXT

- Intensified fighting between the Government and militant groups in NWFP of the country has prompted new displacements of people, bringing the total number of IDPs to approx. 2.5 million.
- Whilst significant amounts of medicine, shelter, food and other life saving relief items are required, the gearing up of humanitarian response necessitates a strengthened and coordinated logistics approach to avoid bottlenecks, possible overlaps and/or gaps. The Logistics Cluster aims to address logistical challenges and facilitate the deliverance of humanitarian assistance to the displaced populations in north-western Pakistan.
- Initial and ongoing assessments indicate important needs and gaps primarily in humanitarian cargo consolidation and storage as well as logistics coordination.

STRATEGY & PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

1. Humanitarian Logistics Base in Pirpai, and associated logistics services

- Rehabilitation of office complex and installation of mobile storage tents to provide a fully operational and MOSS compliant humanitarian logistics base. The logistics base in Pirpai (22km east of Peshawar) has the capacity to receive, consolidate, store and dispatch humanitarian cargoes. Total capacity exceeding 50,000MT.
- Provision for the long-term storage of operational support emergency stocks as contingency.
- Based on identified gaps, provision of commercially contracted road transport ex Pirpai base to camps and distribution points in North Western Pakistan. The Cluster shall ensure cargo tracking and information sharing as required.
- All storage requests will be treated on first-come-first-served basis until priorities are set by the Humanitarian Country Team.

2. Logistics Cluster coordination and Information management

- The Logistics Cluster will serve as an operational forum to coordinate the logistics response and commonly address logistics needs among all actors, ensuring an efficient humanitarian response.
- The Logistics Cluster will ensure timely and valuable logistics information is gathered, analyzed and disseminated to the humanitarian community via a mailing list, dedicated website (logcluster.org/pak09a) and other appropriate information management tools.

3. Coordination of "Relief Banks"

- The Government of Pakistan has requested WFP to take the lead in all food related activities, this including the substantial contribution through public donations. "Relief Banks", as they have been dubbed, are being located in regional centres for the collection of both food & non food items.
- Relief Bank collection centres will be established in Karachi, Quetta, Rawalpindi and Lahore, whilst Azekhel (Peshawar) will operate as a consolidation and final staging warehouse, prior to delivery to the camp populations.
- The Logistics Cluster shall ensure cargo tracking and reporting of these donations through all stages up to final delivery points.

4. Provision of Logistics Services

Humanitarian Hubs

- WFP has established 32 operational humanitarian hubs (HH), most of which are serving IDPs settled within the host community. Additional HH are planned and will be established as and where the needs are identified. (*See annex 1 for locations of HH*)
- The HH in general utilize existing warehouse space, provided through the Provincial Relief Commission (PRC) – Emergency Response Unit (ERU) and/or mobile storage tents (MST) provided by WFP. The HH will act as storage and distribution facilities.
- Requests for temporary storage will be coordinated through the Logistics Cluster. All these facilities will be made available at no cost to the humanitarian community and are available for the storage of food & non food items.

Humanitarian Air Services

- Provision of humanitarian air transport through use of helicopters could be made available to support the humanitarian response as required, subject to operational and risks assessments.

