In northeast Nigeria, insecurity and damaged road infrastructure places a significant strain on logistics capacities and constrains access to affected populations. In order to mitigate these challenges and ensure the continued and timely delivery of relief, humanitarian organisations and the Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF) have agreed to a notification process for planned cargo movements. Since November 2016, in support of the Civil-Military Coordination function led by OCHA (UNCMCoord), the Logistics Sector has been consolidating cargo movement notifications and coordinating escorts upon request of partners.

**Objective**

To support the efforts of humanitarian organisations to reach the affected population displaced by conflict in Borno State with critical aid materials through coordination with responding humanitarian actors on cargo movements and escort requirements, and liaising with Nigerian Armed Forces in collaboration with UNOCHA on cargo-related issues.

**Outcome**

Effectively coordinating cargo movements has enhanced the reliability, timeliness and flexibility of aid delivery outside Maiduguri, and promoted effective use of available escort capacity. Relief items have been dispatched more regularly, and ultimately more assistance has reached those who need it. Additionally, an emergency notification procedure allows for expedited notification clearances in emergencies and to meet unforeseen critical needs.

**Background**

Truck movements facilitated through cargo notification requests by location

- Truck movements facilitated using the notification process, out of which
  - 22,309
  - 13,389 required military escort
  - 30 organisations supported through the facilitation of 5,715 requests

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