

Labutta Hub

Five hubs have been established by the Logistics Cluster in Myanmar to provide forward locations for temporary storage prior to distribution and bases for transportation to onward destinations by means of waterways or helicopter.

The hub of **Labutta** is in the south of the affected area. By road it currently takes upwards of 7 hours from Yangon depending on the vehicle. The route is deteriorating as the rains continue, but remains open for trucks up to 5 mt.



(Unloading oil at the warehouse)

The Labutta hub is fully operational with 7 MSU (1,680 sqm) established on site. Of these mobile units, four are currently dedicated to **WFP**, and one each to **UNICEF**, **Merlin/World Vision** and **Cluster NFI**. Internet and communications are installed, and Logistics Cluster meetings are held every Friday at 3 pm in the Labutta WFP sub-office.



(River into Labutta)

Basic upgrading and drainage clearance was performed to ensure that all goods are protected during the rains.

Helicopters have been making daily rotations out of Labutta to distribute cargo to less accessible villages in the vicinity. Three LZs are operational.



(Helicopter landing in Labutta)

Three jetties in Labutta are in service for interagency use, and plans are underway to build a permanent concrete jetty to serve the continued operation. Cargo is delivered to the hubs from Yangon through the Common Transport Service established by the Logistics Cluster. Waterways remain the most appropriate form of transport in this region except to the least accessible villages, which are served by the ongoing helicopter operation. The Logistics Cluster has three barges with pushers and four boats serving the operation, for a total capacity of 3,500 mt.



(Logistics Cluster boats docked in Labutta)

For additional information on common transport and warehousing services please see the Logistics Cluster Web page at: www.logcluster.org/mm08a