Minutes
Logistics Cluster Meeting

Date: Wednesday 5 November
Time: 1600 - 1700
Venue: UNWFP Meeting Room, Vavuniya

Meeting Agenda:
1. Updates from participant organizations
2. Briefing on the outcome of Convoy 04
3. Logistics issues raised by participant
4. Prioritization of Items
5. Other issue and action point

I updates from participant organizations

CARE – NFRI items for 150 families via the GA convoy sent on Friday (31.10.08) to Kilinochchi district and stored at Devipuram/GA warehouse under monitoring by local CARE staff.

UNOPS – Planning to send 500 shelter kits with the GA convoy. Negotiations on-going at Colombo level.

UNICEF – More educational material to be sent via GA convoys – negotiation on going at Colombo level.

World Vision – Willing to provide owned truck(s) to inter agency hub.

NPA – Provided 2 vehicles for WFP (ambulance and truck). MOUs still to be signed.

Sewa Lanka - Preparing hygienic kits to be sent on next GA convoy.

HCR – Planning to send shelter items to add in the Inter Agency convoy going into the Vanni. Still waiting for MoD clearance.

II Brief on Convoy 04

1. WFP briefed the participants on the outcome of the fourth humanitarian relief convoy which delivered 426MT of food to Mulliavalai, PTK and Thamapuram last week (Monday 3 Nov – Tue 4 Nov). Logistics Situation report on the fourth convoy to be distributed electronically.

2. WFP briefed on the route taken, the convoy formation, security status, clearance procedures and challenges.

3. No rain falls recently, road was dry, the convoy arrived its destinations without any delay.

4. WFP observed that the road authority was making efforts to repair the road.

5. Food distribution was ongoing out of the small quantise of WFP remaining from previous deliveries.

III Logistic issues raised by participants:

1. The Logistics Cluster discussed the need to have a logistics support base in Oddusudan.

2. Concerns were expressed over Vanni storage capacity in future. One of the solutions presented was to re-deploy WFP mobile units to e.g Oddusudan and assist current efforts from the local authorities in building storage using local available resources.

3. Current storage capacity; Mulliavalai - 900 tones, PTK - 800 tones & Thamapuram - 800 tones

4. WFP monitoring staff participation in the convoy; also confirmed that WFP food is being distributed to WFP IDP caseload and no evidence found concerning mismanagement of WFP food. However, it was expressed that more time in the field is essential to ensure better quality of monitoring.

5. The participating agencies expressed interest in joining future convoy; Participants informed that OCHA was working on a roster and the difficulties to have permission from authorities.
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IV Prioritization
1. The transport of essential non food items still pending. Humanitarian organizations are using the GA NFI quota and transport to dispatch small quantities which are not sufficient to cover current needs.
2. Food will remain the priority in the upcoming weeks.
3. Food Convoy 05 is planned to depart on Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} November with 40 trucks carrying a total of 600MT of mixed food.
4. Assessment mission requested the permission to stay for 4 days visit (from 6\textsuperscript{th} November), still awaiting approval.

V Other issues and action points
1. A reminder was given to the participants about the free common services of storage and transport provided by WFP. Storage is available at the logistics hub in Vavuniya. Transport as part of the convoy is available for movements from the Inter-agency Logistics hub into the Vanni. Organisations are required to obtain all necessary approvals and clearances prior to the convoy’s departure.
2. Organisations present in the meeting to send their Storage and transport request to Sri-lanka.Cargo@WFP.org.

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