**INTER AGENCY LOGISTICS MEETING MINUTES**

**Location:** UNHCR Meeting Room, Vavuniya  
**Date:** 16 December, 2009, 14:00

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1. **Welcome / Update current affairs**
   - The sheet with transport rates compiled in Colombo was shared.
   - Transport costs are discussed. World Vision indicates that the MPCS lorry association is probably the cheapest option for transport into the Vanni. World Vision will check current rates.
   - The Menik Farm Interim Storage Site (MFISS) is expected to be closed by mid February. Any residual caseload at Menik Farm can be supported directly from the Vavuniya hub.
   - The Paddy Marketing Board storage site in Vavuniya will be handed over by end December to the organisations using it.
   - Participants inform that IOM has temporarily run out of funds for its transport assistance scheme. New funding is sought for 2010.

2. **Minutes 18th November**
   - Approved.

3. **Action Points**
   - UNHCR no longer needs new warehouse space as the access road into the current hub will be improved.
   - Maps of the UNDSS cleared roads in the Vanni have been circulated by UNDSS/OCHA. Any agencies needing these maps who have not received them, can contact DSS or OCHA.

4. **Access into the Vanni**

   **Logistics bases, including infrastructure**
   - Two extra storage containers are being moved to the Kilinochchi Inter Agency logistics base this week. Next week, two 10x24 m MSUs will be brought up. UNHCR has requested storage space at the base as the UNHCR compound is still occupied by police forces. All humanitarian agencies have been invited to put in their storage requests.
   - Six 10 MT trucks and eight 3MT tractors to be used for cargo movement from the logistics bases in Mallavi and Kilinochchi to the MPCSs (Multi Purpose Cooperative Society) and for distribution to the final delivery points will arrive this week. Fuel will be prepositioned with the MPCSs to keep these trucks and tractors running.
   - Storage containers will be moved to the main MPCSs in Pooneryn and Poonakary next week.

   **Relaxation of rules and regulations (Omanthai/Medawachchiya)**
   - UNHCR is trialling the use of local trucks for transport into the Vanni in a convoy with a UNHCR light vehicle. They will inform whether any access problems are experienced.
   - Logistics Cluster will enquire whether CGES approval is required to transport goods into the Vanni.
• INGO’s do not have access yet into the Vanni. Some NGOs do have access, but messages on this subject are mixed.
• UNICEF experienced some army obstruction while offloading in the Vanni; this is expected to be an isolated incident.
• SFHQ has announced that trucks will no longer need to be offloaded at Omanthai.
• The question is posed whether offloading of commercial trucks is still needed at Medawachchiya. UNHCR will check.

5. AOB / Next Meeting
• As the current situation does not call for a two-weekly meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for next month.

Next meeting Logistics Cluster Vavuniya: 13th January, 14:00, UNHCR meeting room
Agenda items welcome to be submitted by 11th January COB

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