Pakistan Monsoon Floods

Concept of Operations

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The heaviest Monsoon rains in Pakistan’s recent history have led to widespread flooding, causing loss of life, extensive destruction of homes and livelihoods, and significant displacement of population. The Pakistan National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) estimates that more than 20 million people have been directly affected. The NDMA has estimated that a total of 1,984 people lost their lives.

Over the last six months various services have been provided to the humanitarian community (please see November 2010 version of ConOps), however the situation has now stabilized and relief efforts are transitioning into early recovery. As such the Logistics Cluster is now being scaled down. This update of the ConOps describes the services that will be provided to the humanitarian community during this final phase of the operation.

Gaps and Needs
The following logistical gaps remain a concern for the humanitarian community:

- Access to affected populations in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Province, as significant damage and blockage to the road network occurred during the flooding. As such, heavy airlift support is still needed to reach areas that remain cut off by the flood damage in KPK. All other areas throughout Pakistan are now reachable by overland means.
- There continues to be a need for coordination and information sharing between the various actors in order to mitigate any duplication of efforts and maximize the use of available logistics assets.
- Given the ongoing situation, the Logistics Cluster will continue to provide GIS and mapping support to the humanitarian community.

Activities of the Logistics Cluster in the Pakistan Flood Response
The Logistics Cluster aims to augment the humanitarian community’s capacity to deliver relief assistance to the most affected populations in Pakistan in a coordinated manner. In response to the logistics gaps and bottlenecks identified, the activities of the Logistics Cluster will include:

1. Logistics Coordination

- In addition to the national Logistics Cluster coordination cell in Islamabad, coordination will remain active in Peshawar (KPK Province). The Logistics Cluster cells will continue coordinating the logistics response with the Government of Pakistan and the humanitarian community.
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to have dedicated Logistics Cluster Coordinators and support staff in KPK, as well as an Information Management/GIS team, Cargo Coordinator, and commodity tracking team in Islamabad.
- The Logistics Cluster is participating in meetings of the NDMA and the Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMA) to ensure effective coordination with the Government.
2. **Information Management**

The Logistics Cluster is providing information management services to facilitate operational decision making. These services include the following:

- Consolidating information from the humanitarian community and local authorities on the overall logistics situation, including logistical gaps and bottlenecks;
- Provision of updated operational information, such as road conditions, air operations and customs procedures, publication of sitreps, bulletins, snapshots, flash news and briefings;
- Provision of a platform for sharing logistics information at: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09a](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09a) as well as through a moderated email circulation list.

3. **Logistics Common Services**

- A UNHAS air operation has been established to facilitate transportation of relief supplies and workers to inaccessible areas in KPK. Four UNHAS heavy-lift helicopters are currently operating in KPK, transporting the humanitarian cargo of Logistics Cluster participants to areas cut off by the floods. The UNHAS fleet is flexible and may be redeployed to other locations in future, depending on operational needs.
- Light trucks will be provided for the shunting of relief items from transit hubs to helicopter staging areas in KPK in a timely manner, to maximize the number of helicopter rotations per day.
- All cargo transported is being handled based on the priorities set by the Humanitarian Country Team and the NDMA. All specified services will be provided at no cost to humanitarian actors.

4. **Establishment of Logistics Strategic Warehouses**

- As a preparedness and mitigation measure for future emergencies, and to strengthen the response capacity of the Pakistan Government, WFP and the NDMA/PDMA will work together to establish Humanitarian Logistics Hubs, that will also function as emergency response depots in three strategic locations in the country. Humanitarian Logistics Hubs will allow the Government of Pakistan and the Humanitarian Community to preposition relief items in the event of future disasters.

5. **Geographic Information Systems**

- Provision of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)/mapping tools and products, including maps of logistics infrastructure.

This Concept of Operations will be updated as the situation on the ground evolves. The air delivery and transshipment services are only expected to be offered until the end of February 2011. The other activities described above would continue until July 2011. The provision of services may be either withdrawn earlier or extended for longer, depending on the situation on the ground, operational needs and funding.