LOCATION: OSOCC Guiuan
DATE: 23 December 2013
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: UNHCR, ACTED, IOM, WFP, PIN (People in Need), UNDP, OCD, ICRC and OCHA

ACTION POINTS:
• Participants to give visibility on their incoming pipeline to allow better planning of logistics assets to be made available to the humanitarian community.
• Participants to fill in Service Request Forms (SRFs) in order to ensure smooth running of the operation. Partners were informed that no service will be provided in absence of a properly filled out SRF, as the initial emergency phase has been finalised.
• SRFs to be submitted for both storage and cargo movements (sea and road). Requests should be submitted to philippines.cargo@logcluster.org

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INTRODUCTION
• The Logistics Cluster Coordinator reviewed action points with partners and reiterated that the Logistics Cluster, in order to position resources to better support logistics operations, needs to have visibility on organisations’ pipelines.
• Partners were reminded that Service Request Forms (SRFs) can be found at: http://logcluster.org/ops/phl13a/sea-transport-and-storage-cargo; they should be filled out in order to access Logistics Cluster common services.
• As the situation has transitioned from emergency to recovery phase; partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster activities in support to partners will focus on coordination and information sharing, sea transport, temporary storage, provision of loading/off-loading.

SITUATION UPDATE

Road Transport
• Partners reported difficulties with road transport as trucking market remains overstretched. Road transport available in Guiuan is particularly insufficient when a considerable volume of sea transported cargo is received and demand for road transport increases.

Storage
• A new MSU has been erected in the airport area. The storage space will be allocated to both WFP and the Logistics Cluster, in line with the reported needs.
• The Shelter Cluster’s construction materials for assisting families in Guiuan are gradually being stored; at the moment ¾ of the Logistics Cluster warehouse capacity is full.

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Sea Transport

- During December, food and non-food relief items were transported to the smaller islands off the coast of Guiuan by the support of 2 vessels provided by the Philippines Navy, and small private boats and Barangay boats. Smaller islands are not accessible by large vessels due to unavailability of ports, and the goods are transferred from the large vessels to the small fishing boats and then transported into the islands.

- Most of the organizations working in different sectors in Guiuan require cargo transport into the islands. In view of the next cycle of distributions planned for January, the limited availability of vessels is seen as a gap. Nevertheless the Logistics Cluster is expecting an exact estimation of needs from the partners in order to consider the possibility of having a dedicated humanitarian cargo transport to serve the islands.

- To request any of the above services, organisations were reminded to fill in SRF; instructions and SOPs for transport and warehousing are available on the Logistics Cluster website at: http://logcluster.org/ops/ph13a/sea-transport-and-storage-cargo.

Load/offload equipment

- 2 forklifts provided through the LET partnership are available for the partners upon request.

AOB

- The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will be held at the new OSOCC on Monday, 30th December at 9.30 am.

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