

LOGISTICS CLUSTER - MEETING MINUTES

Islamabad, Pakistan

30 May 2011

Chair: Hamza Mohmand (OIC Logistics Cluster)

Participants: Logistics Cluster, WFP, IOM, MERLIN, German Red Cross, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC)

Action Points:

- **Logistics Cluster to share updated Logistics Contingency Planning Matrix with partners for inputs.**
- **Logistics Cluster to produce warehouse capacities map and share with partners once all inputs are received.**

1. Introduction

- The Logistics Cluster is going on with the exit strategy process and gradually is phasing out as the requirements decreased. Air operations and storage services had been completed by end-February 2011, and currently the Logistics Cluster is continuing coordination services and reduced GIS services. Contingency planning for a potential response in 2011 and the building of Strategic Warehouses are currently the two main activities for the Logistics Cluster.

2. Contingency Planning

- The Chair introduced the Contingency planning need for 2011, explaining that OCHA was currently conducting mapping exercises of capacities present in the country, in order to inform planning and preparedness for this year.
- Heavier than average rainfall is expected in 2011, although the extent cannot be accurately predicted at this point. As such, UN agencies, the wider humanitarian community, and the Government via the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), and Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs) are all preparing contingency plans for a potential response during the monsoon season.
- The Logistics Contingency Planning Matrix for 2011 (including response activities, preparedness activities, and resource inventories) was shared with participants and feedback was requested from partners.
- IFRC noted that the long-term Logistics plan of building capacity in the country through warehouses was in line with its own plans, and inquired whether a map could be created showing warehousing capacity of all partners in the country. IFRC also provided preliminary information on its warehousing capacity in Pakistan.
- MERLIN shared information on its warehousing capacity for incorporation into the planning matrix.
- IOM stated that apart from the information on Multan and Sukkur already included in the Logistics Matrix, Hyderabad warehouse and contingency stock figures would also be shared with the Logistics Cluster.
- The German Red Cross stated that the sharing of information on warehousing capacities would be very useful, as even in the 2010 emergency the Logistics Cluster had shared storage with the German Red Cross in via leasing of Wiik Halls in Dadu when required.
- The Chair informed members that data on warehousing capacities was being collected, and once the information was received, a map would be produced and shared with partners.
- Partners will continue to provide inputs and feedback to the Logistics Contingency Planning Matrix 2011.

3. Strategic Warehouses

- The Logistics Cluster is currently in the planning and design phase of the proposed strategic warehouse construction project. Up to nine warehouses are planned. Currently funding exists for three warehouses, additional funds for the remaining six warehouses are in the pipeline.
- Currently, land has been identified in Muzaffargarh, Lahore, Quetta, Sukkur, Karachi, Hyderabad, and Gilgit for potential construction of warehouses. The current focus is to prioritize three locations for the first phase of construction.

4. AOB

- The chair inquired whether it was preferable to continue the meeting on a monthly basis or increase the frequency of meetings bearing in mind contingency planning for possible floods in July/August 2011.
- The general consensus was that the next meeting should be held after two-three weeks, while monitoring the situation and collating contingency planning information from partners.

The time and location of the next meeting will be communicated via email.

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