

MEETING MINUTES

Islamabad, Pakistan

14 September 2011

Chair: Abdullah Zaman (Logistics Cluster)

Participants: WFP, ACTED, OXFAM, Handicap International, Solidarités, UNICEF, UNOPS, UNFPA, Human Shield, IOM, Independent consultant for Kohistan.

- Action Points:**
- The Logistics Cluster to hold frequent meetings in Islamabad and field level to facilitate effective coordination and information sharing among humanitarian organisations.
 - Ensure to include representatives from NDMA and UNOCHA in the upcoming Logistics Cluster coordination meetings.

1. Introduction

- The Chair welcomed the participants on behalf of Logistics Cluster and thanked for their participation.
- The Chair highlighted the current situation of floods in Sindh Pakistan.
- The Logistics Cluster has started scaling up its operations and extends its support to Government of Pakistan and the humanitarian community.

2. Update on the current Flooding

- Out of total 23 districts in Sindh, 22 are affected among which seven districts are prioritised from NDMA to be severely affected. These seven districts include Badin, Mirpurkhas, Nawabshah, Tando Allah Yar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Dadu and Tharparkar.
- The Logistics Cluster has already mobilised in support of the humanitarian community, three warehouses (Badin, Mirpurkhas and Nawabshah) have been established in last 36 hours. Another two warehouse sites are under consideration (Mitti and Thatta). Assessments are ongoing in Dadu, Khairpur and Sanghar.

Plan of Operations

- For logistics operations, Sindh will be divided into two parts i.e lower Sindh supported by Hyderabad and Karachi and upper Sindh supported by Sukkur.
- It was informed that according to initial estimates around 5.1 million people have been affected due to the recent floods. Moreover in response to this Emergency, the Logistics Cluster will be able to provide storage, mapping, and GIS services. It may also augment the transport capacity of humanitarian organisations to transport relief goods to distribution sites on an as-needed basis.
- Approximately 1000-1500 mt of storage capacity will be provided at district level. This may be extended to 2000 mt depending upon the requirements.
- It was informed that the Sukkur, Karachi and Hyderabad warehouse facilities will be available for inter-agency temporary storage.
- The chair asked participating organizations to give their feedback on the intended plan of operations.
- In response to a query it was added that Air services may be provided if isolated pockets are identified (UNHAS is on standby). It was informed that so far no accessibility issues have been reported in areas where food distribution is in progress and heavy trucks can also access affected areas.
- It was suggested that it will be very helpful if the Logistics Cluster can coordinate with NDMA to make the process of gaining exemptions and clearance more simplified and less time consuming.
- In response to a query for Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) assessments it was added that six teams of VAM are carrying out assessments and 8000 villages have been covered so far (70 % of planned assessments). It was also added that WFP will attempt to cover 80% of those in need of immediate food aid.
- It was suggested that all organisations should coordinate in terms of who is distributing what type of items in order to avoid duplications.
- It was also recommended that a single reporting format be used as it is a standardized tool for monitoring and reporting.
- It was asked to share the results of any assessments related to requirements for hygienic items/kits. It

was added by a member agency that coordination is in place with UNICEF and Save the Children and results of ongoing assessments will be shared soon.

- Regarding the response of the Logistics Cluster to flash floods in Kohistan, it was informed that KPK PDMA is actively responding and that so far assistance has only been requested for Sindh province.
- It was highlighted that the humanitarian community may access, free of cost, the warehouses established by the Logistics Cluster.
- It was also added that the Logistics Cluster may help in locating additional warehouses should storage space become unavailable.
- The Chair asked the participants to share their views on the frequency and location of Logistics Cluster coordination meetings. It was the general consensus to organize meetings at Hyderabad and possibly in Sukkur for field level coordination, and Islamabad for national level coordination.
- It was suggested to share all available logistics information through the platform of the Logistics Cluster coordination meetings.
- It was also recommended to include representatives from NDMA and UNOCHA in the upcoming meetings.
- IOM briefed about its operations; their response started on 14 August 2011 and 20,000 tents, 46,000 blankets and 4 water purifiers have been distributed to affected areas. IOM has the capacity to provide shelter kits to 32,440 families, out of which 17,000 shelter kits have been distributed. IOM may be able to provide free transport services to humanitarian organizations if needed.

Mapping Updates

- Two maps were shared with the participants:
“Flood affected areas and flood zones, Monsoon floods, 2011” available at:
<http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09a/flood-affected-areas-and-flood-zones-as-of-08-september-2011/>
“Logistics infrastructure layout map for Flood affected areas in Sindh” available at:
<http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09a/logistics-infrastructure-layout-for-flood-affected-areas-2011/>

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- Next meeting is scheduled to be at 21st September, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

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