

MEETING MINUTES

Karachi, Pakistan

16 September 2011

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: FAO, SEDF, SRSP, CRDO, PDI, UNFPA, UNICEF UNOCHA, UNHABITAT, IOM, BDF, Kohsar EWS, HANDS, IMMAP, AAS, HEAD, RESEARCH, MDS, DDS, HDF, CESVI, ACTED, Mercy Malaysia, WFP

- Action Points:**
- Participants are requested to submit any requests for mapping support, as well as any updated logistics information to be included in Logistics Cluster maps.
 - OCHA will follow up and disseminate any available information concerning the procedure for obtaining NOCs to the humanitarian community
 - Participants are requested to return completed 3W matrix forms to the Logistics Cluster.
 - The Logistics Cluster to compile a plan for warehouse trainings to be conducted

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Operations Updates
 - a) Warehouses
 - b) GIS/Mapping
 - c) Road/Boat/Air Transport
3. AOB

Introduction

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Logistics Cluster Meeting held in Sindh for the 2011 Flood response.
- It was informed that the first Logistics Cluster meeting had already held in Islamabad, minutes of which can be accessed at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09a/meeting-minutes-islamabad-110914/view>
- The mandate of the Logistics Cluster was explained to all participants.
- It was explained that the Logistics Cluster will be providing limited services to fill identified logistics the gaps on ground, and that the Logistics Cluster is in the process of finalizing operational and funding documents to support its planned response activities.

Operations Updates

- The Logistics Cluster will operate common storage facilities in the affected areas; Karachi, Sukkur, Mithi, Badin, Mirpur Khas, Nawab Shah, Hyderabad and Thatta have been established with Sanghar and Umer Khot expected to be operational in the coming weeks (Further details available upon request). Use of these facilities will be provided to the humanitarian community at no cost on a first-come-first-serve basis, and in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09a/standard_operating_procedures_110913
- A dedicated GIS specialist has been deployed to Karachi. Current maps of the affected areas are available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09a>. Participants are requested to submit any requests for mapping support, as well as any updated logistics information to be included in Logistics Cluster maps.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently evaluating transportation gaps and the need to coordinate additional transportation services including:
 - **Road Transport:** It has been observed that the local transport market is capable of supporting the humanitarian community. In case of critical need, the Logistics Cluster may be contacted to coordinate road transportation in the affected areas.
 - **Boat Transport:** 7 boats area available for transport, and are in the process of being prepositioned in consultation with the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA). Should humanitarian organisations require transportation via boat to reach inaccessible areas, service may be requested through the Logistics Cluster. On behalf of Logistics Cluster a local

NGO, Fisher Folks will be operating the boats. The PDMA, in cooperation with the Logistics Cluster, will be tasking the boats.

AOB

- **OCHA** advised that the NDMA issues the No Objection Certificates (NOCs) in disaster situations, and that they have approached NDMA to obtain NOCs as needed. The NDMA is currently working to define the process for obtaining NOCs. OCHA will follow up and disseminate any available information to the humanitarian community.
- **WFP** operations advised that the NDMA's processing time for requests is usually short, but that a follow-up should be done regardless.
- **OCHA** also advised that a policy of issuing on-arrival visas for expats has not been activated as yet.
- **Logistics Cluster** will send out the 3W matrix form to all participants. They are requested to submit it back duly filled in.
- **FAO** asked for an update on the status of Civil-Military Coordination, as previously this has been done by the Logistics Cluster.
- **IOM** reported that they have generated a matrix showing distribution points, and asked for input from WFP to update the matrix in order to make it more comprehensive.
- **Logistics Cluster** will devise a plan for warehouse trainings to benefit staff from organisations in field.

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

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