

MEETING MINUTES

Karachi, Pakistan

20 September 2011

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: Logistics Cluster, WFP, UNOCHA, UNICEF, IOM, Handicap International, Sindh RSP, Humsafar Association.

- Action Points:**
- OCHA to follow up with NDMA concerning the NOC process and make any additional information available
 - The Logistics Cluster will provide mapping updates for accessibility
 - The Logistics Cluster will review available times/days for the next meeting and communicate any changes to partners

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Action points for previous meetings
3. Update on operations
4. Mapping Updates
5. AOB

Introduction

- The chair welcomed everyone to the second Logistics Cluster Meeting held in Sindh for the 2011 Flood response, and all the participants introduced themselves.
- The mandate of the Logistics Cluster was explained to all the participants

Action points for previous meetings

- Regarding the issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for the importation of humanitarian relief goods, the Chair mentioned that the procedure for obtaining NOCs would remain similar to last year's. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) will issue these NOCs, not the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). OCHA to follow up with NDMA and make any additional information available.

Update on Operations

- The Logistics Cluster currently has temporary storage space available for use by the humanitarian community in eight facilities located in Sindh Province. The Logistics Cluster has provided storage space to the UNICEF. Request forms for accessing common storage facilities are available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09a/temporary-storage-request>.
- The Logistics Cluster will be coordinating with the government of Pakistan to provide limited road transport where identified gaps in capacity exist.
- The Logistics Cluster in coordination with PDMA, Fisher Folk, and WFP has facilitated the provision of seven boats, currently tasked by the PDMA for use as mobile hospitals in the affected areas of Sindh Province.
- It was emphasized to the participants that the Logistics Cluster responds to fill identified logistics gaps, in coordination with humanitarian partners; additional transport capacity may be made available, depending on demonstrated need.

Mapping updates

- The Logistics Cluster will provide mapping updates concerning accessibility in flood affected areas.

AOB

- Access into the affected areas of Sindh Province was discussed. The Logistics Cluster has produced a road accessibility map in coordination with humanitarian actors engaged in relief efforts.
- A question was raised regarding the possible usage of Military assets, to which the chair replied that a request to the Army for such support could only be made by the Humanitarian Coordinator. Thus far no such request has been made, and no need for use of military assets has been identified.

- Participants discussed options for changing the time and day of the Logistics Cluster meeting. Any changes in the schedule will be communicated to participants via email.

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