

LOCATION: Ormoc, Philippines

DATE: 26 November 2013

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Logistics Cluster, WFP, The Johanniter, DSWD, All Hands Volunteers, City Hall Representative, Medair, Swiss Humanitarian Aid, Save the Children, UNHCR.

- ACTION POINTS:**
- The Logistics Cluster to see whether two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) can be provided for the Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD) in Ormoc
 - The Logistics to publish online transporter options for commercial shipping to Ormoc.
 - All organisations wishing to access Logistics Cluster services to submit a Service Request Form (SRF).
 - Swiss Aid to investigate the possibility of other humanitarian organisations gaining access to their free commercial ferry service provided by the Philippines Associated Smelting & Refining Operation.
 - WFP to investigate if UNHCR can park fully loaded trucks at the WFP MSU Site overnight.

- AGENDA:**
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Shipping

- A WFP-contracted vessel is available to ship relief items from Cebu into Tacloban, however the Port of Ormoc does not have the berthing capacity for this size of vessel.
- There are three identified commercial operators running cargo vessels into Ormoc; however issues were reported with these routes as they are congested and priority is not given to humanitarian cargo, meaning that trucks can wait up to two days to board the ship.
- An alternative route from Cebu into Hilongos (2.5 hours from Ormoc by road), was being used by some participants since there are no issues with capacity on these sailings.
- Humanitarian cargo is also being shipped into Baybay.
- Swiss Humanitarian Aid has been allowed to ship relief cargo on a commercial ferry from Cebu to Pingag. This assistance has been provided free of charge by the Philippines Associated Smelting and Refining Operation. Swiss Humanitarian Aid was asked if there was a possibility of requesting access to this vessel on behalf of other humanitarian organizations. The matter will be investigated and local participants kept informed.

Warehousing

- One warehouse has already been erected in Ormoc and the second will be constructed on November 27. Both will be available for inter-agency use. It was emphasised that this warehouse is for “transit storage” and cargo should not be kept there more than 72 hours.
- The Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are in Barangway Dolores and the coordinates are: 11.067941, 124.619800.
- Pallets are being purchased and will be brought in as soon as possible.
- The possibility of providing labour at this site is being investigated, but the capacity is not yet in place and for

now those requiring storage will have to provide their own.

- All organizations wishing to access inter-agency storage and transport must submit a Service Request Form (SRF) to the Logistics Cluster available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/phl13a>. Organizations with limited internet capacity can have their counterparts submit the forms from Cebu or Manila.
- Save the Children stated that they have a warehouse (1,600 m² capacity) in Ormoc which is mostly full, but if organizations need some additional capacity they can try to accommodate some requests for storage. However this warehouse facility is lacking pallets - the Logistics Cluster stated that they would try to provide some.
- Upon reception of cargo, UNHCR stated that they leave it overnight in the trucks and then move it onwards the following day to avoid unnecessary offloading/loading operations. UNHCR asked if there was a possibility of parking full trucks overnight at the WFP MSU site. The question will be addressed to the owner of the site, who is providing the land free of charge.
- The priority warehouse of the Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD) is too small to receive all the goods required for five rounds of distribution and requested two MSUs from the Logistics Cluster. If the MSUs are available, the Logistics Cluster will try to facilitate this assistance along with a team to erect the facilities.
- Swiss Humanitarian Aid asked if any participants had a smaller tent that could be set up at the district hospital. They already have one in place but the Municipality has requested a second, and there is no room for another one of the same size.
- The City Hall representative suggested the land across the road from the hospital could be used for a bigger tent, but hygiene facilities would be an issue in this location.

Road Transport

- Access is an issue in the Western Municipalities due to road conditions. Organizations distributing goods to these areas are breaking their loads down and transporting it into smaller vehicles.
- Organizations asked about access to small dumper trucks to access difficult areas. Participants will share any information they can find on the availability of these vehicles.
- It was noted that clustering locations together in Baranguay may be the best option for distribution to harder-to-reach areas.
- Most municipalities have trucks but are lacking fuel.

Air Operations

- Air cargo operations are expected to decrease substantially as the British Military departs and alternative options are assessed.
- There is little capacity on the tarmac at Ormoc airport and no sheeting to cover the cargo to ensure protection from the rain. All cargo arriving by air must be moved on as soon as possible.
- Save the Children has 20,000 tarpaulins scheduled to arrive in Ormoc. This may require airlift since the supplies are considered urgent.
- UNHAS has one 8-seat fixed-wing aircraft and two 10-passenger helicopters that will be providing passenger flights and some light cargo transport in and out of Ormoc. Booking must be made through a pre-registered focal point for each organization. For flight schedules and booking procedures please see: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/phl13a/unhas>.

2. AoB

- The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will be held on 03 December 2013. The exact time will be shared via the mailing list when confirmed.

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