MYANMAR LOGISTICS CLUSTER – MEETING MINUTES

CYCLONE GIRI

YANGON - 11 NOVEMBER 2010

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator – Ashwini Rai
Participants: Logistics Cluster, WFP, BAJ, Save the Children, UNICEF, Loka Ahlinn, Action Aid, IOM, CARE, Merlin, USAID, ACF

Action Points:
- Logistics Cluster to circulate draft Concept of Operations by 12 November for comments
- Participants to share their transporters details and rates for consolidation
- Logistics Cluster to monitor the repairs of Kannee and Kyar Inn Taung bridges
- The Logistics Cluster coordination meeting to be organized in Sittwe on Friday 12th

1. Introduction
   • The second Logistic Cluster meeting focused on ongoing operations, challenges and needs of participants in the field of transport, procurement and telecommunications.
   • The Logistics Cluster informed participants that a proposal has been submitted to donors and to the CERF to support the services provided by WFP in its role as the Logistics Cluster lead.
   • The Logistics Cluster will disseminate a draft Concept of Operations tomorrow, outlining the proposed operations described in the meeting – Participants are requested to provide their feedback by e-mail.
   • The Logistics Cluster online information-sharing platform has been activated; all reports, maps and other documents relevant to the operation will be posted at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/mmr10a/

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2. Update from participants / On going operations
   • Updates provided on procurement, transport and distribution of relief items that have started in different areas, in addition participants shared the rates for purchasing different commodities.
   • Food is primarily purchased locally, in Yangon and Toungup. Peanut oil has been purchased to coincide with local cooking habits. Non-food items are being procured in country as well.
   • Save the Children: NFIs to be shipped with 3 boats for 800 households, as well as a total of 2,000 bags of rice from Toungup and peanut oil will also be delivered.
   • UNICEF: a total 1,500 family kits will be delivered this week; this is in addition to the 2,000 that have already been delivered with anti-malaria and other drugs. UNICEF plans to send an additional 1,500 kit next week by ferry.
   • IOM has two medical teams, one in Pha-yon-ga Island and the other in Pauktaw area.
   • CARE: last week, a total 1,700 NFIs kits and blankets were distributed in Sittwe, further distributions are planned in Myebon.
   • Merlin: joint distributions in Myebon areas with MSF-H on-going; assessment on water treatment and negotiation with the Ministry of Social Affairs are ongoing;
   • ACF: Assessment teams on the ground and distribution ongoing together with MSF-H in Myebon and Minbya. They have suggested that the Logistics Cluster looks into providing a mobile storage unit (MSU) to support NGOs in Minbya.
   • Action Aid is operating in Myebon and Ramree through their local partners: They are looking to move to cash-based interventions in the coming weeks.

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• WFP updated on mixed food commodities that have already been delivered to Rakhine state (1,500mt). By 19 November, WFP will purchase and dispatch to Sittwe a full basket of 2,200mt of rice, 1,100mt of pulses; 150mt of oil and 15mt of salt.

• Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ) confirmed that they are not working on repairing the two bridges between Ann and Minbya. The Logistics Cluster will monitor the government actions on these urgently needed repairs.

• Information sharing needs to be strengthened, particularly regarding transporters and rates for waterway transport. Participants agreed to share this information with the Logistics Cluster for consolidation.

• All participants noted a limited presence of international staff in the field. National teams have been reinforced with colleagues from other operational bases and staffing capacity is still rather limited.

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3. Logistic Cluster Operations Update

• **Sittwe**: participants started using WFP warehouses in Sittwe. The warehouse capacity is being augmented with one MSU. Currently 1,500sqm of storage capacity is available.

• **Myebon**: one MSU is in place (400mt capacity) and two others will be installed by the end of the week. Works has been started on a jetty to access the logistics hub directly. UNICEF and WFP are jointly supporting the construction of the jetty and fencing of the hub.

• **Kyaukpyu**: three MSUs have been dispatched (total capacity 1,200mt).

• **Minbya**: as reported by ACF, storage space is limited, with several NGOs operating in the area; organisations interested should contact the Logistics Cluster with details regarding the volume of cargo to be stored, to determine if an MSU could be loaned.

• **Internet connectivity has been made available in all three logistics hubs**: Sittwe, Myebon and in Kyaukpyu. Only e-mail access will be allowed, to ensure adequate time for staff and participants.

• **WFP proposed the possibility of consolidating cargo in Yangon as well as the chartering of boats on a cost-sharing basis**. Participants should inform the Logistics Cluster of their need in that regard.

4. AOB

• **Coordination at the field level** was discussed and participants agreed that it needed to be reinforced. Though not all organisations operate in Sittwe, it was recognized as the main humanitarian centre for the operation. In response, WFP Logistics on the ground will call for a meeting in the coming days.

• The next Logistics Cluster meeting in Yangon will be postponed of one day as November 17th will be a day-off (Eid-e-Ghorban).

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Next meeting: Thursday 18th November 2010, 10 am, Inya Lake Hotel.

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