LOGISTICS SECTOR – MEETING MINUTES

LIBERIA- REFUGEE RESPONSE

Date/Time: Monday, 24 January 2011 / 10:00-11:00
Location: WFP meeting room, WFP Port Office, Monrovia

Present:
Chair: Head of WFP Logistics, Liberia
Participants: Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC); Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC); Danish Refugee Council; Catholic Relief Service (CRS); IOM; UNICEF; UNHCR; Action Contre la Faim (ACF);

1. REVIEW OF LAST WEEKS’ ACTION POINTS

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| 1 | • Status of the Mobile Storage Units (Wikhalls).  
  ➔ The Mobiles Storage Units – Two MSUs (Wikhalls) from WFP and UNHCR at the Roberts International Airport have been erected with a combined capacity of 900mt.  
  ➔ Additional MSUs are to be erected in Saclepea; the location is being prepared to erect MSUs. |
| 2 | • Port Assessment  
  ➔ LRRRC followed up with the National Port Authority and waivers were obtained for exemptions for humanitarian cargo until 31, January 2011. A subsequent meeting with APM Terminals was scheduled this week to ensure the waiver is continued. |
| 3 | • Technical Road Assessment  
  ➔ The sub technical team did not reach a conclusion on the report. The report was lacking technical specification for the bridge construction and the estimates.  
  ➔ The engineers are scheduled to meet this week to conclude on the technical specifications. |

2. OPERATIONS UPDATE

• WFP is expecting a Logistics Officer to arrive for assignment in Saclepea sub office to strengthen logistics coordination in the region. Mr. Primus Kum, Logistics Officer has been designated as the focal point for emergency related activities, coordination, data and information dissemination. WFP has also received a request from UNHCR for truck support, and four trucks have been made available pending conclusion of the modalities.

  ➔ **ACTION POINT** WFP and other partners to identify food distribution gap and fulfil them.

- UNHCR has up to date:
  - Distributed 107mt of food, there is lack of salt to complete the food basket.
  - Eight trucks plying the Buutou axis.
  - Expecting two donated trucks from UNHCR Guinea
  - Has received support of ICRC in the form of two trucks
o Awaiting the MOU with WFP for the trucking service
o Heavy equipment has started clearing the camp site (Bahn)
o Transported 15,000 liters of fuel to support operations in Saclepea
o Expecting three trucks from Ghana
o Have distributed 1000 NFIs to 3,500 beneficiaries in two weeks.
o Expecting an airlift of NFIs next week.

- UNHCR also confirmed that there are 500 refugees in Grand Gedeh County and 200 refugees in Maryland County.
- CRS have four international staff that have just arrived and are conducting assessments. They are considering the food voucher system for the refugees.
- LRRRC successfully liaised with the port management authority and accepted the request for waiver of humanitarian cargo until the 31 January 2011, there after APM Terminal would take over the operations of the port under a concession. Two letters were written to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and APM Terminals to facilitate/expedite the clearing process.

**ACTION POINT:** Copies of the letters prepared by LRRRC to these entities are to be provided by UNHCR. LRRRC will also follow up this week and schedule a meeting with APM Terminals.

- DRC has ceased its cash for food programme and funds have been re-allocated. They are in discussion with UNHCR to make arrangements for sub-grants to work on roads and bridges. They also raised a concern as to the type of bridges to be constructed, i.e. concrete bridges will take up to 90 days. They have also contacted Engineers without Borders and will provide feedback.

**ACTION POINT:** WFP to initiate a forum in Saclepea to ensure information is disseminated at the field level. Logistics working group should have feedback from the coordination meeting held in Ganta every Wednesday to establish a link between the Logistics Sector Working Group in Monrovia and at the field level.

- NRC has started distributing food and a Shelter Manager has arrived and they are expecting a Camp Manager to arrive soon.

**ACTION POINT:** It was agreed that the engineers meet on Wednesday this week and conclude on the technical details/maps of the bridges and the roads for the report.

**ACTION POINT:** Request for trucking service from UNMIL can be processed through the CMR. Request can also be made for UNMIL Engineers.

Next meeting: Monday, 7 February 2011, at 10:00h, WFP Port Office, Monrovia.

End.