LOGISTICS SECTOR COORDINATION MEETING
LIBERIA- REFUGEE RESPONSE
MINUTES – 27.06.11

Date: 27 June, 2011 – 1000 hours
Location: WFP Conference room, WFP Country Office, Monrovia
Participants: DRC, LRRRC, Merlin, Plan Liberia, UNHCR, UNICEF, USAID, WFP
Next Meeting: 4 July @1000 – WFP conference room, WFP Country Office, Mamba Point, Monrovia

1. Action Items

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<td>NPA port fees</td>
<td>LogSector</td>
<td>4 Apr</td>
<td>ASAP</td>
<td>LogSector to request &amp; distribute to sector participants NPA rates for all ports in Liberia.</td>
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<td>Road construction/ rehab plant equipment</td>
<td>LogSector</td>
<td>14 Mar</td>
<td>Continuing</td>
<td>Log sector to make enquiries at regional level to identify sources for plant equipment in the region.</td>
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<td>Logs capacity/ needs identification</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>14 Mar</td>
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<td>To determine overall logs capacity, partners are requested to submit their capacity</td>
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<td>Road accessibility matrix &amp; Who is doing What and Where in term of roads &amp; bridge construction</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>25 Apr</td>
<td>9 May</td>
<td>31 May</td>
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<td>Request to MoT for suspension of restricting neighbouring country transport capacity</td>
<td>LRRRC/LogSector</td>
<td>25 Apr</td>
<td>ASAP</td>
<td>A letter has been sent by LRRRC to Ministry of Transport for suspension of restrictions on neighbouring country transport capacity. LRRRC/LogSector to follow-up and get answer from MoT.</td>
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<td>Logistics Service Providers catalogue</td>
<td>LogSector /All</td>
<td>2 May</td>
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<td>All participants to send inputs on good logistics service providers (transport companies, clearing &amp; forwarding agents etc). LogSector to keep catalogue with contact details</td>
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<td>Zorgowee bridge</td>
<td>LRRRC/LogSector</td>
<td>51 May 6 Jun 13 Jun</td>
<td>ASAP</td>
<td>- LogSector/LRRRC/HC office to seek final clarification by MPW for a quick solution to Zorgowee bridge repairs (done-see press release); - UNMIL to explore availability of Bailey bridge in the country and possibilities for diverting material purchased for repair of the bridge to alternative solutions, e.g. by-pass bridge.</td>
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<td>Graie-Buutuo road</td>
<td>UNMIL</td>
<td>13 Jun</td>
<td>ASAP</td>
<td>UNMIL to give update on the progress of Graie-Buutuo road.</td>
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<td>EHAP</td>
<td>LogSector/OCHA</td>
<td>13 Jun</td>
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<td>OCHA and LogSector lead to prepare background for discussion on LogSector inputs to the new revision of EHAP</td>
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2. Discussion on previous action items

Discussion on action points reflected above:

- The list on ongoing road project from Ministry of Public Works (MPW) is still pending. A map has been posted on road accessibility, and a further map is being developed for ongoing road project.
In addition to logistics service providers there was also an interest in vendors for NFI purchase. UNHCR volunteered to lead this effort by building on their current vendor list.

**Action Point: UNHCR appointed focal point for NFI vendors/providers.**

Final clarification was received from MPW, which has decided against the appeal from the humanitarian community to do a quick wooden re-decking of Zorgowe bridge. MPW has issued a press release, distributed through the LogSector, outlining that the bridge will be closed for 45 days and a concrete decking will be installed. Another assessment was done on the feasibility of a by-pass bridge. It is estimated that work will be much more expensive than first anticipated and take at least 4 weeks. The infrastructure meeting in Saclepea recommended that funds would be better utilized on doing repairs on the bypass road over Gpapa airfield. First indication from UNMIL is also that no material available from them (but no representative present in the meeting).

Nothing new to report on the other action points.

3. **Infrastructure Update**
   - WFP got a negative response from MPW for start of its joint road project with UNOPS after months of negotiations. MPW is now saying they will do this stretch of road (Kamplay – Lepula) themselves, but has not given any indication of start and completion date.

   **Action Point: LogSector/WFP will seek support from LRRRC for high level intervention with MPW on way forward on this and future road projects by humanitarian actors.**

   UNHCR is working with UNMIL on improvement on the access road to Little Wlebo, estimated completion in a couple of weeks.

4. **Partners Brief**
   - LogSector participants provided a quick briefing on recent developments.
   - UNHCR reported that 2,700 Guinean refugees that started arriving approx. a month ago have settled in border villages in Bong county and that assistance has started. Access to some locations is reported to be difficult. Solo Town transit centre in Grand-Gedeh county will be converted to a camp. For the refugees in River Ghee county the plan is to move these to Little Wlebo refugee camp in Maryland. Due to land issues, the transit centre Fergusson in Maryland is being closed and the refugee population (approx 4,000) is being moved to Little Wlebo refugee camp.
   - DRC received two light vehicles. Continued progress on the road project was reported, and additional machinery for surface work will arrive the project site this week.
   - WFP in its role as LogSector lead is deploying a road assessment mission towards the end of the week for continued mapping of road accessibility.

5. **EHAP**
   - The EHAP process was discussed and inputs from participants sought. It was decided to open for additional inputs by e-mail and that a working group will be meeting on 30th June to discuss further before presenting back to the LogSector coordination meeting again.

   **Action Point: LogSector to send out e-mail to all participants requesting inputs and inform and arrange a LogSector Working Group for EHAP inputs 30/6.**

6. **AoB**
   - No issue raised

Meeting closed at 11:20