

**LOGISTICS SECTOR COORDINATION MEETING**  
**LIBERIA- REFUGEE RESPONSE**  
**MINUTES – 15.08.11**

**Date:** 15 August, 2011 – 1000 hours  
**Location:** WFP Conference room, WFP Country Office, Monrovia  
**Participants:** ICRC, LRRRC, OXFAM, Plan-International, UNHCR, WFP (chair)  
**Next Meeting:** 30 August @1000 – Conference room, WFP Country Office, Mamba Point, Monrovia

**1. Action Items**

<b>Action Point Summary</b>				
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Decided</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Action</b>
NPA port fees	LogSector	4 Apr	ASAP	<b>LogSector to request &amp; distribute to sector participants NPA rates for all ports in Liberia.</b> Port regulations for Buchanan distributed.
Logs capacity/ needs identification	All	14 Mar	Continuing	<b>To determine overall logs capacity, partners are requested to submit their capacity</b>
Road accessibility matrix & 3W of roads & bridge construction	All	25 Apr 9 May 31 May	Continuing	- <b>Partners are requested to submit info on road accessibility and road rehabilitation project;</b> - <b>LogSector to maintain list and produce maps with overview of road accessibility and ongoing road projects.</b>
Request to MoT for suspension of restricting neighbouring country transport capacity	LRRRC/ LogSector	25 Apr	ASAP	<b>A letter has been sent by LRRRC to Ministry of Transport for suspension of restrictions on neighbouring country transport capacity.</b> <b>LRRRC/LogSector to follow-up and get answer from MoT.</b>
Logistics Service Providers catalogue	LogSector All	2 May 27 Jun	Continuing	- <b>All participants to send inputs on good logistics service providers (transport companies, C&amp;F agents, plant equipment etc).</b> <b>LogSector to keep catalogue with contact details.</b> - <b>UNHCR to keep catalogue of NFI vendors</b>
UNMIL road works	UNMIL	13 Jun 4 July	ASAP	- <b>UNMIL to give update on the progress of Graie-Buutou road;</b> - <b>UNMIL to give update on road to Little Wlebo</b>
Rejection of WFP-UNOPS road project	WFP	27 Jun 18 Jul	ASAP	<b>WFP to seek further clarifications from MPW after their new request of change of scope and do a reassessment together with MPW based on this.</b>
Distribute presentation of DRC road project	DRC	18 Jul	ASAP	<b>DRC to distribute the progress report presented in LogSector meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July.</b>
Bridge by Blemieplay	DRC/WFP	18 Jul	ASAP	<b>DRC and WFP to do a joint assessment of damaged bridge by Blemieplay adjacent to the one under repair by DRC.(done)</b>

**2. Discussion on previous action items**

Discussion on action points reflected above:

- Port rates: Compile all port rates, including those distributed already and revise the port section in the Logistics Capacity Assessment and re-distribute.
- Some organizations are still experiencing difficulties sourcing enough trucks on the commercial market, especially four-wheel drive.

- Logsector follow-up with Ministry of Transport and market surveys to identify transport capacity, especially 4WD: Re-assessments done with WFP and Ministry of Public Works (MPW), but new suggested scope of works not feasible to implement now due to inaccessibility of the area for road construction machinery.
- Action Point: WFP in cooperation with UNOPS to report back with clarifications on next step for potential road project in Nimba county.

### 3. Infrastructure Update

- Nothing significant to report

### 4. Partners Brief

**OXFAM** is continuing its WASH activities and have established a new warehouse in Grand-Gedeh. Logistics challenges include deteriorating road conditions and renting light vehicles.

**UNHCR** reported a sharp increase in beneficiary figures for River Ghee. Current figures stand at: Nimba: 52,300; Grand-Gedeh: 74,368; River Ghee: 11,592; and Maryland 32,779. UNHCR is looking at options for expansions of camps in Grand-Gedeh.

**LRRC** is assisting UNHCR with office space in Zwedru, finalization pending.

**Plan-International** reported that the absence of service providers in field location for maintenance of light vehicles is creating additional challenges

**ICRC** is currently doing distributions in the Buutou axis and road conditions are a major challenge. ICRC is doing spot repairs to facilitate their operation.

**WFP** is continuing expansion of its old warehouse compound in Saclepea. There is also expansion going in Zwedru. A new Logistics Officer has joined WFP Zwedru Sub-Office – Ingolfur Palsson. A new support team from WFP's standby partner MSB has arrived the country in support of the Scania truck component of the WFP fleet.

### 5. AoB

Next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday (30<sup>th</sup> August).

**Meeting closed at 10:50**