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2 Logistics Coordination

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- The first Logistics Cluster meeting held in Sittwe was on 12 November; ten logisticians from seven agencies attended. Discussions were focused on WFP logistics services to the Humanitarian Community responding to Cyclone Giri.
- The CERF contribution which would allow the Logistics Cluster to offer the necessary services has yet to be confirmed.
- The Concept Operations has been circulated and partners are expected to send their feedback.
- All reports, maps and other documents are posted and shared on the Logistics Cluster online platform: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/mmr10a/

3 Logistics HUBs

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- In Myebon, along with three MSUs that have completed to date, an additional one is being erected for UNICEF in the same compound with WFP assistance.
- In Kyaukpyu, two MSUs were erected, while a third one can be installed and made available if required by partners.
- In Sittwe, warehouse space has been made available to the Humanitarian Community (1,100mt).
- All storing facilities will be fully provided with required equipments (generators, fire extinguishers, etc.)
- In Minbya, NGOs reported a potential need for storage space as well; WFP has no capacity on the ground, as it runs its operations from Sittwe. However, if requirements from participants are confirmed, WFP could make available on loan a mobile storage unit for use by the Humanitarian Community.
- In Myebon the construction of a jetty, co-funded by UNICEF and WFP, continues and will be completed in the coming days, thus allowing boats to dock directly next to the hub.
4 Waterways Transport

- As the waterway transportation remains the main route for the delivery of relief goods to affected areas, WFP has started hiring boats; 500mt (rice) have been loaded, out of which, 300mt will go to Sittwe and 200mt to Kyaukpyu. An additional 45mt of salt are planned to be loaded in the next days, while the second boat with an additional 500mt capacity is expected 18 November.

5 Internet Availability

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6 Other

- As reported by partners, food is mainly purchased locally, in Yangon and Toungup.
- After concerns raised by partners on the surge in transportation rates, rates and costs have been shared and consolidated among partners on a cost-benefit perspective.

The next Logistics Cluster Meeting is planned for Thursday, 18th November at 10am in Inya Lake Hotel.

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