LOCATION: WFP Office, Jakarta

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CHAIR: Logistics Working Group (WG)

PARTICIPANTS: Australian DFAT, CARE Indonesia, ICRC, IFRC, International Medical Corps, IOM, Oxfam, Shelter Box, Team Rubicon, UNHCR, USAID/OFDA, WFP

ACTION POINTS:
- Logistics WG to confirm what will happen with international cargo planned to be sent to Balikpapan after 23 October and share this information
- Logistics WG to confirm whether tax waivers will be applicable after 26 October and advise organisations
- Organisations to share their plans and pipelines with the Logistics Working Group.
- WFP to share the Service Request Form (SRF) with partners once available.

AGENDA:
1. Situation in Balikpapan
2. Land Transport
3. Storage
4. Sea Port and Ferries
5. AOB

1. Situation in Balikpapan
- The Balikpapan airbridge will be closed to receiving new items from 23 October, after which air assets will remain for a further two days to finalise moving remaining cargo to Palu. It is currently unclear what will happen with respect to further international cargo that is planned to be sent to Balikpapan after this day. The Logistics WG is working to confirm this and will share this information as it becomes available.
- There is also currently no clarity on whether tax waivers will be applicable after 26 October. The Logistics WG will also try to confirm this and share information with the group.
- The amount of international relief cargo arriving into Balikpapan airport is decreasing and as a result, several Foreign Military Assets (FMAs) have departed or will depart in the coming days.
- UNHCR reported that in order to obtain a tax waiver, the consignee needs to write a letter to the Ministry of Finance requesting the granting of a waiver.
- No INGOs have reported using the airbridge to date; only government-to-government aid and UNICEF relief items have been sent via the airbridge so far.
- UNHCR, IOM and Team Rubicon indicated that they are expecting their relief items to be moved within the coming days.

2. Land Transport
- WFP is liaising closely with the Government of Indonesia, the Indonesian National Armed Forces (TNI), BNPB, AHA and the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) regarding distribution mechanisms and structures to ensure coordination at all levels.
- To date, WFP has secured 21 trucks as free-to-user common transport to support the response of all partners. A total of 40 trucks will be made available by the end of the week.

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WFP is working closely with the Global Logistics Cluster to implement the Relief Items Tracking Application (RITA) in this response.

WFP has deployed a dedicated staff member to Palu to support the Government of Indonesia, BNPB, AHA and the organisations present in the implementation phase of common services and RITA.

During the coming three months, partners will be able to access the common transport service and storage facilities by completing and submitting a Service Request Form (SRF) to the WFP team in either English or Bahasa Indonesia.

The SRF is currently being translated to Bahasa Indonesia and will be shared with partners, along with all the necessary details and guidance, once available.

The Common Transport Services will cover loading and off-loading at WFP common warehouses, as well as off-loading at delivery points for last mile delivery. Loading and off-loading at partners’ warehouses is expected to be organised and covered by partners themselves.

3. Storage

The two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) at Palu airport are currently operational but full. These are being managed by ASEAN-ERAT.

Ten MSUs belonging to PMI and WFP have arrived in Palu.

WFP is finalising the details of the contract with the seaport authority and operators to secure approximately 500 m² of the identified facility at the port to be used as common storage.

Partners will be able to access the common storage facilities at no cost to user by completing and submitting the SRF. Cargo must also adhere to regulations.

The Logistics WG reiterated the importance of items being clearly marked with an accurate description of the goods on the packaging to allow for better and more efficient storage processes.

4. Sea Port and Ferries

There are currently no international shipping routes calling Balikpapan.

Pantoloan port is open for domestic and commercial shipments only, it is not open as a point of receipt of international humanitarian cargo.

5. AOB

Organisations were reminded to share their plans, pipelines and any updates they have with the Logistics WG (agnes.semaan@wfp.org) to ensure better coordination.

The invitation for the next meeting will be shared on the website and through the mailing list.

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