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CHAIR: Ministry of Disaster Management Relief (MoDMR) and WFP

PARTICIPANTS: Armed Forces Division (AFD), CARE Bangladesh, Concern Worldwide, IFRC, Islamic Relief, Plan Bangladesh, MoDMR, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNRCO, WFP

- ACTION POINTS**
- Logistics assessment questionnaire and dashboard specification will be shared with Logistics Cluster members
 - MoDMR will discuss with Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RCCC) and the District Commissioner (DC) for Cox's Bazar on SRO61 list update and NFI inspection issue
 - Relocation of MSUs from Ukhiya College
 - AFD to ensure pavement work complete before monsoon season
 - WFP to seek possibility of a common web portal
 - Monthly Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster newsletter to be published
 - Follow-up on cargo landing at Dhaka airport

- AGENDA**
1. Follow-up and action points
 2. Logistics Sector activity update (Cox's Bazar)
 3. Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster activity update
 4. L3 emergency operation Cox's Bazar: Monsoon preparedness and logistics challenges
 5. Government mass casualty management system
 6. AOB

1. Follow-up and action points

- One-Stop-Shop for rapid cargo release: MoDMR provided an update on the progress made in relation to cargo release since the beginning of the Rohingya crisis.
- Mapping of logistics resources: seven agencies (Oxfam, Save the Children, IFRC, ICRC, Islamic Relief, Solidarites International, World Vision) responded to the request and the remaining agencies were asked for inputs.
- Final Technical Working Group (TWG) list to be shared with members.
- 2018 priority actions for the Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster have been identified.
- Draft of the logistics assessment questionnaire has been prepared to share with members.
- Specification of emergency dashboard has been drafted to share with members.
- Six agencies (Oxfam, Save the Children, Solidarites International, Islamic Relief, IFRC, ICRC) provided inputs for the logistics roster.

2. Logistics Sector activity update (Cox's Bazar)

- Logistics Sector representative presented on the services facilitated by the Logistics Sector, and the challenges faced at present. The current logistics constraints on humanitarian operations in Cox's Bazar are lack of storage, road congestion and physical access. Considering the upcoming monsoon season, the three major logistics issues are:
 - Logistics Sector, on behalf of the humanitarian agencies, has been advocating for necessary actions to ensure paved/bricked road access to camp locations. The unpaved road to and within camps and distribution points risks becoming inaccessible during rainy season. Logistics Sector has also advocated for weight and speed restrictions on roads in and around Kutupalong Camp.
 - The SRO61 list of relief goods that are allowed for import does not include some of the items that the agencies are planning to import for monsoon prepositioning. The Logistics Sector, advocating on behalf of the humanitarian agencies, has requested RRRC Office to update the existing SRO61 list.
 - Currently, relief agencies are required to bring relief goods to DC office for inspection prior to distribution which incur time, cost and delivery delays for agencies. The Logistics Sector raised the issue on behalf of humanitarian organisations regarding the possibility for an inspection waiver from local government or an alternative solution to transporting relief items to the DC office in Cox's Bazar for inspection.
- The Logistics Sector has established three storage facilities for humanitarian agencies: Ukhiya Logistics Hub, Leda Logistics Hub and Logistics and Engineering Hub in Madhu Chara.
- The authority of Ukhiya Degree College has requested to free college land and the MSUs from the college field. Additional Secretary Md. Mohsin asked Logistics Sector to gradually relocate the MSUs to a new location. The Logistics Sector specified that it would transition common storage services from the Ukhiya Logistics Hub to the Logistics and Engineering Hub in Madhu Chara once continued access to the new hub could be maintained.

3. Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster activity update

- The Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster's 2018 priority actions have been identified. There are 12 actions among which five are ongoing. These actions are: i) logistics resources and capacities mapping; ii) logistics assessments questionnaire; iii) operational dashboard; iv) One-Stop-Shop; v) roster for logistics and supply chain professionals.
- These activities will be further discussed at the next TWG Meeting.

4. L3 emergency operations Cox's Bazar: Monsoon preparedness and logistics challenges

- Update from humanitarian agencies
 - Plan International has formed a group of 550 volunteers in Cox's Bazar to provide support to the disaster victims. They will organise training for the volunteers.
 - Concern Worldwide is providing nutrition support in the camp locations. They are running eight Outpatient Therapeutic Centres (OTP). They are closely liaising with all the relevant sectors to ensure coordination and consistency of their activities.

- Update from MoDMR and AFD
 - Considering poor road access conditions during the upcoming rainy season, Col. Lt Gen Raju Ahmed of AFD has mentioned that of the 1.5 kilometres of Madhuchara Army road, 1 kilometre has already been paved. The remaining 500 metres will be completed by 15 June. However, this is dependent on IOM's building of required culverts by 15 June.
 - AFD mentioned a common resource sharing platform - which can be linked to the DREE resource database containing specialised logistics search and rescue machineries and equipment - would be useful for all stakeholders. The equipment owned by the humanitarian agencies can also be included in the database for preparedness purposes.
 - AFD reminded the group of the decision to publish a monthly newsletter from the Bangladesh National Logistics Cluster with relevant logistics updates from all stakeholders.

5. Government's mass casualties management system

- MoDMR published the *Dead Body Management Instruction* in June 2016 in Bengali. The booklet includes individual and organisational duties, search and rescue, dead body identification and information management, dead body preservation, the role of mass communication and media etc.
- A printed copy of the booklet has been shared with members.

6. AOB

- Representatives from UNICEF raised the issue of landing restrictions for cargo planes at Dhaka International Airport. According to a circular issued by MoDMR, all humanitarian cargo intended for the Rohingya relief operation is to be inspected at an established inspection site in Chittagong. Challenges in flying humanitarian cargo in to Chittagong Airport include runway length and storage capacity amongst other. MoDMR will investigate options to allow for importation of humanitarian cargo in to Dhaka airport.

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