

LOCATION:	World Food Programme (WFP) Country Office, Monrovia
DATE:	01 October 2015
CHAIR:	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS:	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
ACTION POINTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisations to accelerate the clearance of their stock from WFP storage facilities made available through the Logistics Cluster.
AGENDA:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Announcements2. Open Floor Discussion3. Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

1. Announcements

- As free to user services for the Ebola response are being phased out, participants were informed that WFP Logistics is resuming the provision of logistics services (transport, storage, customs clearance, fumigation and handling) to any interested organisation through a Service Level Agreement (SLA) on a cost recovery basis. This service is not limited to the Ebola response. Interested organisations are to contact WFP through the Logistics Cluster.
- Organisations have been informed that as of 31 October 2015 the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) in West Africa Countries (WAC) will stop its operation in Liberia and will only operate in Guinea and Sierra Leone.

2. Open Floor Discussion

Topic 1: Transition Process

- Organisations were reminded that due to a reduction of operational demands as Liberia has reached zero Ebola cases, the transportation services facilitated by the Logistics Cluster and provided by WFP were phased out at the end of August 2015 and storage services at the end of September 2015.
- Personal Protective Equipment and Infection Protection and Control (PPE/IPC) owned by WHO/ MoH are an exception. On a case by case basis WFP may provide free transport service from 01 to 15 October to organizations that still have cargo in the WFP warehouses in order to expedite the uplift.
- In order to enhance the country's supply chain capacities, the Logistics Cluster plans to support the Government of Liberia (GoL) by transferring knowledge and assets/facilities to identified GoL institutions. Organisations and the GoL agreed upon these plans in order to ensure sustainable operability at all times and serve as the back-bone of the national supply chain capacity for disaster responses.
- The Logistics Cluster shared that the General Services Agency (GSA), as a cross ministerial agency, has been designated to eventually take over the management of the WFP main logistics base (MLB) and five forward logistics bases (FLB) deployed during the Ebola response.

- In order to facilitate the effective and sustainable transition, WFP through the Logistics Cluster is conducting on-the-job trainings (OJT) for 27 GSA and 6 MoH staff members to transfer knowledge, including warehouse/stock management, transport and overall supply chain management.
- Discussions have been held on handing over the management of WFP common services hubs to the GSA by the end of December.
- Considering this, organisations are requested to speed-up stock clearance from the MLB/FLB network and to arrange their own transportation services. Organisations that are currently storing items at WFP warehouses, made available through the Logistics Cluster are being contacted individually.
- The nine county mobile storage units (MSU) continue to act as an extension of the current stock management system under the County Health Teams and will remain within the MoH system. Five MSUs will be setup in October 2015 in counties that do not currently have MoH storage capacity due to the presence of FLBs.
- By the end of October, it is planned to hand over the airport hub to the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) for airport customs operations.
- In early September, WFP through the Logistics Cluster, collected all expired items in its hubs and dispatched them to the Liberia Medicines and Health Products Regulatory Authority (LMHRA) to handle the destruction of expired items. Organisations with expired items in the warehouses have been notified. Organisations were also reminded to contact the Logistics Cluster if they require any information on how to handle expired items.
- Organisations were encouraged to continue to contact the Logistics Cluster on any information or coordination needs.

Topic 2: Customs Bonded Warehouse

- Organisations were reminded that items which have been stored at the Roberts International Airport (RIA) bonded warehouse since December 2014 need to be cleared from the warehouse in consideration of the schedule for the phasing-out.
- As these items are not customs cleared, organisations were requested to appoint dedicated clearing agents, for details on relevant Customs Authority Focal Points. For any further information, please contact the Logistics Cluster.

Topic 3: Road Status Updates

- Updates on road access constraints have been shared. The road Zorzor – Voinjama (Lofa County) is accessible but caution is required due to potholes. Further, the section between St. Paul bridge – Zorzor is restricted but passable with difficulties for heavy trucks.

Topic 4: Global Communities donation of vehicles

- All organisations have been informed that Global Communities shared the summary of vehicles they intend to donate to the humanitarian community through Logistics Cluster. Organisations were encouraged to contact Global Communities regarding the requested vehicles.

3. Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

- The Logistics Cluster will no longer meet biweekly, but will monthly. The next Logistics Cluster meeting will be on 29 October 2015.

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