LOCATION: National Ebola Command Centre, Monrovia

DATE: 6th October, 2014

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster, UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)

PARTICIPANTS: Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), Ebola Outbreak Centre (EOC), Global Communities, USAID Global Environmental Management Support (GEMS)/ General Services Agency (GSA), US Department of Defence, Mentor, MoHSW, Oxfam, Plan International, Samaritan’s Purse, Save the Children, UNICEF, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC), UNMIL, UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS), World Health Organization (WHO)

ACTION POINTS: The Logistics Cluster will share land requirements with the National Ebola Task Force for storage required at the airport.

The Logistics Cluster will share the national dispatch plan with partners for feedback.

US government to share plan for airfields in Liberia to allow air travel coordination.

The Ministry of Health agreed to share a vehicle list with the USAID Global Environmental Management Support (GEMS)/ General Services Administration (GSA).

The UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER)

• The United Nations System Coordinator for the Ebola Virus Disease, Dr. David Nabarro, has announced a new multi-partner donor trust fund that aims to raise about one billion US$ for filling gaps in the Ebola response efforts.

• An UNMEER air-bridge for transporting people and goods from Accra, Ghana to Liberia and inside the country will be established. It will be managed by the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS). Expected UNMEER assets in Liberia include: 3 helicopters and 2 fixed wing aircraft. The goal is to centralise air transport, visibility of requirements, needs, and coordinated response. At the moment, transport is disjointed and needs to be more centralised.

• The US government agreed to share their airfield plan to explore possible synergies with humanitarian and health actors.

Dispatch plan

• A suggested national dispatch plan and a plan to support Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) has been prepared by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (MoHSW) and the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI).

• Over the weekend, items started being moved from storage into staging areas; the goal is to transport supplies to counties monthly and within the north-western county of Montserrado weekly. The first
dispatches to County Health Offices (CHOs) and Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) are expected to being next week and might deviate from the dispatch plan, based on commodities available in the hub.

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**Logistics Hub**

- The Logistics Cluster Common Logistics hub is operational and has received considerable amounts of cargo in its first week of operation.
- It is important that commodities are dispatched to health facilities within a few days of reaching the hub in order to ensure that there is sufficient space available to accommodate additional incoming commodities.
- All humanitarian partners can use the logistics hub storage and transport services. The process for requesting services is outlined in the following link: [http://www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-logistics-cluster-transport-and-transit-storage-services](http://www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-logistics-cluster-transport-and-transit-storage-services)

**Update on Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks**

**Airport Storage**

- The MoHSW and the Logistics Cluster have met with Deputy General Manager of the airport, who was in favour of having airside storage capacity; however, there are restrictions in place, and the proposed location is too close to the active runway. In addition, the Logistics Cluster is looking for a site for a staging area outside the airport from which commodities will be dispatched to the different forward logistics bases (FLBs) around the country.
- The Logistics Cluster will share the land requirements at the airport with the National Ebola Task Force.
- Two more forklifts have been added to the current handling equipment by two freight forwarders; the US Military will also bring 6 more 6 ton forklifts (with operators). Tugs and dollies being sourced from various places around the world. The handling capacity for cargo is expected to improve by the end of the week and will then be able to accommodate multiple planes simultaneously.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator stressed that it is important to have visibility on incoming cargo flights. Partners were asked to share flight information with the Logistics Cluster regularly. The information will then be distributed at the weekly meetings.
Fleet Management

- UNOPS is about to share a revised project proposal with the MoHSW. USAID GEMS has put together an Ebola fleet register for vehicles that can be maintained by the fleet management project; it currently only includes new vehicles that have been donated. Other vehicles operated by the MoHSW will be included in the registry so that they can be included in the maintenance scheme as part of the contract.
- The MoHSW agreed to share their vehicle list with USAID (GSA, GEM).

AoB

- Vehicles used by humanitarian partners are still being delayed at check points. Passes have been available from the office of the Assistant Minister Linga for several weeks; partners can communicate with Augustine Kessee (Phone number 0886-614-969) in the Ministry of Health for sticker passes. It was advised that the stickers be placed on a piece of cardboard to be displayed in the windshield, and meaning it can be used in other vehicles.

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