Ebola Outbreak, Liberia – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: National Ebola Command Centre, Monrovia
DATE: 09 October, 2014
CHAIR: MoHSW / Logistics Cluster Coordinator / UNMIL


ACTION POINTS:
- The Logistics Cluster to share storage space requirement (m²) needed at the airport in Monrovia with the National Ebola Task Force;
- The Logistics Cluster to share through the mailing list a template to submit list of vehicles with ID plates and request for passes for road cargo transport checkpoints;
- Participants to provide feedback on the draft dispatch plan shared with previous meeting minutes;
- The Logistics Cluster to update the road access constraint map;
- The Logistics Cluster to raise requirements for an airbridge solution from Europe to Liberia with UNMEER.

Status of Operations
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator presented the status of the current Logistics Cluster activities including an overview of the hub, common services, and forward logistics bases.
- The Logistics Cluster has been receiving requests for Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and is currently bringing more units to Liberia.
- As not all logistics needs can be catered for by the logistics common hub in Monrovia, various forward logistics bases have been identified for the rest of the country in Voinjama, Gbarnga, Zwedru, Harper, Buchanan. These bases are planned to be operational in a-month time.
- USAID is considering using Buchanan as possible hub for cargo as an alternative to Monrovia.

Dispatches
- Dispatches to health facilities throughout the country has started. Supplies were dispatched to Montserrado on 08 October and to Island and ELWA2 on 09 October.
- The County Operations Centre, based in the NECC, is in contact with the county health offices in order to collect information on consumption of relief commodities and requirements, useful for supply chain planning. The centre received requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for four different counties.
Participants were asked to provide feedback on draft dispatch plans, shared with the previous meeting minutes.

**Transport Passes**

- Participants were provided an example of pass sticker to go through check points and to travel during curfew times by a government representative. In convoys, all vehicles are required to carry a pass.
- Participants requiring further information about transport pass stickers can request the focal point’s phone number by writing to the Logistics Cluster IM Officer.
- The Logistics Cluster to share through the mailing list a template to submit list of vehicles with ID plates and request for passes for road cargo transport checkpoints.

**Incoming Cargo**

- The Logistics Cluster airport focal point shared the incoming flight schedule.
- Monrovia airport can accommodate one cargo flight at a time. The Logistics Cluster is liaising with various organisations for incoming cargo flights, adjusting schedules in order to avoid bottlenecks.
- The Logistics Cluster is liaising with relevant airport authorities to ease the issuing of landing slots.
- Creating a logistics storage place near the airport. A potential site has been identified by the airport which could accommodate up to 8 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). The National Ebola Task Force suggested they will help facilitate the necessary approvals for this potential site.

**AoB**

- Following participants’ request, the Logistics Cluster will update the road access constraint map with information provided by UNMIL.
- Few partners raised the need for an air-bridge from Europe. The Logistics Cluster will follow up with UNMEER raising their requirements.
- UNHAS will begin having a representative sitting with Logistics Cluster.
- MapAction has been working with GIS and US Army in order to map locations of existing ETUs and CCCs.
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