LOCATION: WFP compound, Blantyre
DATE: 19 March, 2015
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Officer
PARTICIPANTS: MSF Belgium, UNICEF, Catholic Relief Service (CRS), GOAL Malawi, IFRC

Agenda
1. Briefing on the Logistics Cluster response
2. Participants’ briefing
3. A.O.B.

1. Briefing on the Logistics response

- Latest statistics for cargo and passenger movements were shared with partners.
- One Mi-8 UNHAS helicopter is available until March 23rd when the air operation is due to be stood down.
- The chair informed participants that requests on cargo movement for Food and Shelter items is foreseen to be shipped by boat.
- The Logistics Cluster is simultaneously assessing three options for future access to the inaccessible areas:
  1. Local canoes for facilitating cargo movement only
  2. Liaising with MDF/DoDMA for facilitating passenger and cargo movement
  3. Commercially chartered riverboat for facilitating passenger and cargo movement
- Booking and tracking of service request will be continued by the Logistics Cluster initially.
- Participants were informed that the East Bank is fully accessible for surface transport. In addition there was no gap in commercial providers identified. As a consequence the Logistics Cluster will not facilitate services to the East Bank.
- A Road assessment map of the East Bank including ratings of some 25+ crossings will be available for download shortly from the [http://logcluster.org/ops/mwi15a](http://logcluster.org/ops/mwi15a)

2. Participants’ briefing

- One participant raised concerns regarding the suitability of the boat launching point at Phokera School. The Logistics Cluster will forward this information.
- It was agreed to continue weekly Logistics Coordination Meetings.
- The next Logistics Cluster meeting will be held in Nsanje at the DC office Wednesday 25 March at 11 a.m.

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