**LOCATION:** Logistics Cluster warehouse in Bangula, Nsanje district

**DATE:** March 4th, 2015

**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Officer

**PARTICIPANTS:** DoDMA, GOAL Malawi, MSF Belgium, UNICEF

**AGENDA:**
1. Helicopter operations
2. Cluster vehicle to Makhanga Island
3. Storage
4. A.O.B.

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### 1. Helicopter Operations

- The Logistics Cluster shared updated reporting figures on air operations. This includes the movement of 1026 passengers by UNHAS and 400MT of cargo, predominantly in the Nsanje district.
- The Logistics Cluster shared that there is 840mt of cargo in the pipeline across the country. From this pipeline, the Logistic Cluster estimate approximately 150mt of cargo is for helicopter airlift in Nsanje district.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded participants to provide pipeline information.
- With the current limited pipeline the Logistics Cluster could not justify for the donors to get funding to extend the two Bell 205 cargo helicopters and they would end operations by the 6th of March.
- The Logistics Cluster informed that the MI-8 helicopter operations is expected to continue into next week. Depending on passenger load, the MI-8 is expected to lift an average of 15MT a day of cargo.

### 2. Logistics Cluster vehicle to Makhanga Island

- Participants provided feedback regarding the potential to augment their operations with a vehicle on Makhanga Island. They agreed a twin-cabin pick-up truck is best suited to the job.
- The Logistics Cluster explained the vehicle would be operated by IFRC supporting Malawi Red Cross, and movements would be reported and tracked by the Logistics Cluster.
- Participants agreed request of use should initially be done on ground Participants can then decide if a formal booking system should be set up by the Logistics Cluster.

### 3. Storage

- The issue raised in previous meetings about the need for a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) of 10mx32m at Nsanje to store Non Food Items (NFIs) for Cholera was no longer valid and it was determined that the MSU was not needed. The Logistics Cluster expressed that the MSUs are still available for the participants if needed.
UNICEF stated that the MSUs could be needed for temporarily schools on Makhanga Island and on the East bank. The Logistics Cluster asked UNICEF Logistics how many 72m2 School tents were in the country. UNICEF has twelve (12) in the country.

UNICEF shared that there are a total of 83 classrooms on Makahanga Island and East Bank that need rehabilitation. The Logistics Cluster asked UNICEF to have the Education Cluster come forward with official needs.

The Logistics Cluster explained that based on recent challenges for organisations to deliver cargo directly to helicopters on time, any cargo requested for airlift to inaccessible areas must be delivered first to the Logistics Cluster warehouse to streamline planning and operations. The Logistics Cluster will shunt all cargo to the Airstrip for airlift accordingly.

4. A.O.B.

Multiple participants had unconfirmed information on possible road movements to the East bank. The Logistics Cluster explained that together with WFP Food logistics, assessments were occurring to Bodza school today, and Osyiana tomorrow.

GOAL and UNICEF informed that Malawian Defence Force (MDF) had facilitated some passenger movement to and from Makhanga Island. The Logistics Cluster will follow up with MDF at Lilongwe level to identify capacity and potential coordination.

MSF Belgium shared that they had sourced new boat with a capacity of six passengers plus limited cargo. However, MSF Belgium stated that the boat is mainly for their own use, but might be made in emergencies.

The DoDMA representative thanked the Logistics Cluster and participants for the great collaboration, as a staff exchange is foreseen.

Participants agreed to have weekly Logistics Cluster Meeting in Nsanje. The next meeting will take place 11th of March, 11:00h at the Logistics Cluster Warehouse.

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