NSANJE – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: WFP Logistics Cluster warehouse, Bangula

DATE: 18 March, 2015

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Officer

PARTICIPANTS: MSF Belgium, UNICEF, UNOCHA, Malawi Defence Force (MDF), IOM, DoDMA, WFP Malawi

ACTION POINTS: Access by land and sea, Helicopter operations

Agenda

1. Briefing on the Logistics Cluster response
2. Round table - logistics briefing from participants
3. Q&A from participants
4. A.O.B.

1. Briefing on the Logistics Cluster response

- Following the planned activities Thursday 19, the helicopter will be on standby until Tuesday March 24th.

- The Logistics Cluster pointed out that the only remaining cargo to be moved is for the Food and Shelter clusters. This cargo remains pending until strategic decisions are taken by government on resettlement and recovery for the affected people.

- The Logistics Cluster officer gave a briefing on the 3 different elements being assessed for potential boat operations.
   1. Local canoes for facilitating cargo movement only
   2. Liaising with MDF/DoDMA for facilitating passenger and cargo movement
   3. Option of a commercially chartered riverboat for facilitating passenger and cargo movement

- The east bank is fully accessible for surface transport. Since there is no existing gap in commercial providers, the Logistics Cluster will not facilitate surface movement to the east bank area.

2. Round table briefing from the participants

- MDF confirmed they have additional trucks available in Blantyre. Booking can be facilitated through DoDMA.

- UNICEF informed there will be a Cholera immunization plan to be rolled out first week of April and second round 4 weeks later. The Logistics Cluster asked them to fill out SRF’s as soon as possible if they required assistance in planning surface transport.
3. Q&A from participants

- The Logistics Cluster pointed out that participants already had established bases on the lower east bank around Fatima.

- Participants requested more information regarding the procedure to request cargo and passenger movements using potential river boat operations. The Logistics Cluster informed this is being discussed at National level in Lilongwe. Updates will be shared with participants.

4. A.O.B.

- DoDMA and OCHA inquired if the Logistics Cluster could be present also at the inter-cluster meeting in Nsanje Monday mornings.

- Next meeting of the Logistics Cluster to be held in Nsanje at the DC office Wednesday 25 March 2015 at 11a.m.

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