

LOCATION: Ormoc, Philippines

DATE: 12 February 2014

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Byond, IFRC, IMC, IOM, Office of Civil Defence, OXFAM, Red Cross/ERU, Save the Children, WHO

INTRODUCTION & FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS ACTION POINTS

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator provided an overview of the key operational support provided to partners by the Logistics Cluster in the areas of coordination, information management and service provision and presented the way forward and timelines for scaling down services in Ormoc.
- Partners were informed that Logistics Cluster has organized a Generator Use and Maintenance training and are currently planning for a Warehouse Management training on 15 February. The trainings are tailored to build local capacity and organizations interested in attending are invited to participate in Tacloban.
- The Office of Civil Defence updated participants on the status of Matnog Port. The port has recently been congested, and the priority status of humanitarian cargo has been removed further to the end of the relief phase. Although the congestion is easing, humanitarian partners are asked to utilise other transport routes as waiting times can increase, in particular during periods of poor weather conditions.

SITUATION UPDATE

Transport

- The Logistics Cluster is providing commercial contacts to partners in need of transportation. For details, please contact the Logistics Cluster.

Storage

- The Logistics Cluster Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) in Ormoc will be removed as of 28 February.

UNHAS

- As of 1 February, UNHAS flights serve only Roxas and Guiuan from Cebu. This will be removed on 15 February. Medical Evacuations and special flights will be available on a cost recovery basis following this date.

Transition

- The partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster has started a gradual scale down of services in the Philippines since the local commercial market is able to absorb most demands for transport and storage.
- The Logistics Cluster, within its mandate, will continue to support all stakeholders where there are gaps and constraints.
- To ensure that partners are able to access local transport providers and commercial warehouses for longer term storage, the Logistics Cluster will increase its support through assessments, maps, information sharing and coordination to enable partners to make informed decisions to meet their needs.

Partners' Briefs

- OCD noted that their team will be replaced as of Friday, 14 February; OCD shifts their teams every 21

days.

- IMC are exploring options for containers to use for storage and asked if Logistics Cluster partners knew of any contacts in relation to this request. The Logistics Cluster confirmed it will provide a contact to IMC.
- WVI noted that they will be increasing their presence in Ormoc, focusing on WASH, Health, and Shelter. They have moved from the relief phase into the rehabilitation phase.
- Save the Children were looking for commercial local providers of items related to their operations, as well as for transporter contacts. The Logistics Cluster referred them to the administration working group in Tacloban who may be able to assist in identifying commercial partners; transport contacts will be provided by the Logistics Cluster.
- IOM updated on the corrugated sheets that they are expecting in the coming 2 weeks, through Tacloban.
- Byond updated on their activities in the education sector, visiting schools and reporting on their conditions. It was confirmed that the report has been provided to the Education Cluster. They asked for assistance in locating transporters. The Logistics Cluster and WHO confirmed they will provide a list of transporters available.
- IFRC informed that they are moving from the emergency phase into the early recovery phase, with a new team arriving next week to Ormoc for this purpose.
- OXFAM updated partners that they will be moving items from Cebu to Tacloban and Ormoc. They are affected by the congestion in Matnog Port and are looking for other options. They have moved from the emergency phase to the recovery phase in the Philippines, except for 2 locations: Guiuan and Ormoc, which remains in the emergency phase until 9 March after which the categorization will be downgraded by their office.
- WHO updated participants on their project of providing support to District Health Centres in Baranguays. They were looking for unskilled labour in order to assist in the repairing/upgrading of the Ormoc city hospital (through painting, removing debris, etc.). WHO also updated on the first aid trainings that have been conducted in Ormoc, which was attended by 41 participants from a number of agencies. WHO also asked for contributions in support of the Ormoc City Response Team who conducted the trainings; WHO will be circulating a list of items that the Response Team need and agencies are asked to support if possible.

Gaps and Constraints

- Office space and accommodation is difficult to locate in Ormoc. No additional significant logistics gaps or constraints were reported by the partners.

AOB

- OCD informed partners that the evacuation procedures for the City Hall building have been posted in the entrance to the OSOCC office.
- The partners agreed that there is need to continue the bi-weekly Coordination meetings. The next Ormoc Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 26 February at 17:00 at the City Hall OSOCC office.

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