

LOCATION: OSOCC Tacloban

DATE: 3 March 2014

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Communitere, FCA, Feed the Hungry Philippines, IFRC, IOM, Medair, MSF, OXFAM, Philippines Red Cross, UNFPA, WHO

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 17 March 2014

ACTION POINTS: • Updates on the Transition and phase out strategy

INTRODUCTION / REVISION OF ACTION POINTS

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator provided updates on the phase out strategy and the discontinuation of transport and storage services in different locations, emphasising that as a support Cluster, the Logistics Cluster does not have the mandate to remain when identified gaps have been filled.
- Partners were informed that the previous structure in which the Logistics Cluster had two coordinators in Cebu and Tacloban will change. A new coordinator will arrive to replace the coordinators for Region VII and Region VIII. The new coordinator will oversee all the operations in both Region VIII (Guiuan, Ormoc and Tacloban) and VII (Manila, Cebu and Roxas), focusing on assessments of logistics capacity as part of the long term strategy.
- Moving forward, partners were also briefed that Coordination Meetings in Guiuan, Roxas, Ormoc and Cebu will be organised on ad-hoc basis where there is need.

Situation Update

Storage

- Partners were informed that in view of the phase out strategy, the Logistics Cluster has discontinued storage services in Ormoc as of 28 February and will close other storage locations in Cebu, Guiuan, Roxas and Tacloban no later than 15 March.
- The Logistics Cluster is evaluating options to respond to the continuing requests from partners for solutions to their long term storage requirements either through available capacity, WFP loan of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) or provision of assets through UNHRD.
- Partners were informed that WFP has started dismantling storage facilities in the Palo warehouse compound. WFP will be focusing more on targeted cash for work in Eastern Samar and have less need for warehouses.

UNHAS

- UNHAS has ceased its regular scheduled flights. They remain available for medevac and special flights.

PARTNER'S BRIEF

- The Philippines Red Cross is also moving towards recovery. They will not have much need for storage and will distribute the outstanding stock in the Palo warehouse within the next week.
- Save the Children advised that they have incoming NFI from Cebu and are looking for warehouses for long term storage. The Logistics Cluster will share the warehouse assessment maps bilaterally.
- The Finnish Red Cross will be operating extensively in Eastern Samar especially in remote Barangays. They have plans to discuss with suppliers to transport relief directly to distribution locations.
- UNFPA advised that they are moving towards transferring all their stocks to the implementing partners in the next three weeks as a way to ease the challenges of finding warehouse space.
- UNFPA will be receiving tents from Manila and require storage space. The Logistics Cluster advised that the items cannot be accepted in the Cluster storage in view of the imminent closure. They were advised to hold the stock with the suppliers until they find a solution to their storage needs. UNFPA are holding bilateral discussions with CARE to co-share warehouse space.
- Medair informed partners that they are transferring stock from Cebu and requested any support to find transport and storage. The Logistics Cluster will share the links of available warehouse information. They also inquired about availability of relief suppliers especially lumber.
- Food for the Hungry finalized distribution in Samar as of 2 March; they have encountered problems of finding trucks. The Cluster will provide links to the list of commercial transporters in the location.
- OXFAM notified partners that although they have moved to the recovery stage, they still have stocks in the MSU. They are currently distributing hygiene kits and are using trucks as warehouses. They equally noted the difficulty in finding suppliers of relief items.
- WHO will keep their MSUs for few more months in Guiuan and Tacloban. They informed other partners that they have information on an available 800sqm warehouse space and is willing to provide the contacts on request. WHO noted that the Regional Department of Health in Palo has inherited large amounts of medicine from NGOs and urgently need approximately 350-400sqm of warehouse space. WHO notified partners that they have approximately 47 pallets of water and sanitation (WATSAN) equipment in Cebu that they are willing to share. Interested partners should contact Michel Tomaszek at tomaszekm@wpro.int;
- IOM requested the Logistics Cluster to provide a forklift so they are able to move some of their items. The Logistics Cluster will provide this if the request comes earlier than the scheduled closure of these services.

AOB

- Communitere informed partners of a new hardware and skills training centre they acquired and invited partners who have training and storage concerns to contact them for more details. They can be contacted through the following addresses: paddy@communitere.org and will@philippines-communitere.org
- Participants were updated on training and capacity building and certificates for employees who took part in Generator Use and Maintenance and Warehouse Management trainings were distributed. Certificates will also be provided for participants in the First Aid training and Logistics Cluster SOP training.
- The next Logistics Cluster Meeting in Tacloban will be held at the OSOCC on Monday, 17 March at 17:00 hrs.

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