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# Meeting Minutes, 22 March 2019

Cyclone Idai, Mozambique



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Maputo, Mozambique
<b>DATE</b>	22 March 2019
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster Officer (Eva Gandrus)
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	CEFA, CESVI, CMAM, DFID, Doctors with Africa – CUAMM, IOM, Plan International, Save the Children/COSACA, Save the Children, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, USAID, WFP, WHO
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logistics Cluster to share finalised ConOps</li><li>• Logistics Cluster to share template to collect pipeline information</li><li>• Partners to send their pipeline to Logistics Cluster</li><li>• Logistics Cluster to advise partners of UNHCR and Save the Children/COSACA storage focal points</li><li>• Partners to share their logistics constraints</li><li>• Partners to identify a focal point for Service Request Forms (SRFs)</li><li>• Logistics Cluster to share information on Customs</li><li>• Logistics Cluster to share information on available resources for storage, transport and cargo handling</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Situation Update</li><li>2. Update from Partners/Constraints</li><li>3. Next Steps</li></ol>

## 1. Situation Update

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- The Logistics Cluster was activated on 20 March. The Logistics Cluster provides coordination of logistics activities and information management, and where the local market is unable to provide sufficient logistics services to support relief efforts, WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, acts as provider of last resort. Services provided by WFP through the Logistics Cluster are not aimed at substituting the available resources on the local market.
- A ConOps will be shared as soon as possible with partners. The following constraints have been identified so far: lack of available storage capacity, insufficient transport in terms of air assets, boats, last mile transportation, and possible congestion at Beira entry point.
- To avoid logistics bottlenecks and plan an adequate response, the Logistics Cluster is engaging with humanitarian organisations on the ground to consolidate their cargo pipeline. The Logistics Cluster will share a template to collect this information which partners are requested to complete as soon as possible.
- The Logistics Cluster plans to have five coordination cells located in Maputo, Beira, Chimoio, Tete and Quelimane. Beira and Maputo will be the main operations centres.

- The Logistics Cluster has published the SOPs for [transport](#) and [temporary storage](#) as well as the [SRF](#) to access common logistics services on the [Cyclone Idai page](#) on the Logistics Cluster website. Partners should also identify a focal point to compile SRFs.
- Two funding proposals for the Logistics Cluster have been submitted to ECHO and CERF.
- Beira cannot currently be accessed by road. Beira port and airport are both operational.

### Storage and Transport capacity

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- UNHCR has rented warehouse and transport facilities in Beira. Save the Children/COSACA also have available storage space. The Logistics Cluster will gather information on focal points and share with partners.
- The Logistics Cluster has access to four 40 foot containers at Beira airport that could be made available as common storage for partners. The main purpose is to serve as a transit point to load light cargo from UNHAS flights. Commercial storage providers are also available.
- Logistics Cluster has positioned 2 Mi8 helicopters (3 mt) in Beira and 1 C-295 (8 mt) in Maputo and will facilitate access to air transport of humanitarian commodities.
- One DFID-chartered IL76 aircraft is due to arrive on 22 March in Maputo for onward flying into Beira.
- 1 DC23 aircraft chartered by Samaritan's Purse is scheduled to land on 23 March with the aim of shuttling supplies and humanitarian personnel to/from Maputo to Beira.
- Sea Shipping companies are fully operating. One vessel is scheduled to depart on 22 March with humanitarian cargo from Maputo to Beira.

## 2. Update from Partners/Constraints

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- UNHCR flagged the lack of fuel in affected areas.
- Partners flagged the need to have clarification on customs. WHO has encountered difficulties for medical items. UNICEF highlighted the need to ask for tax exemptions and facilitation of customs procedures. The Logistics Cluster will raise these issue at a higher level in relevant humanitarian fora and share information and the outcome with partners.
- Partners flagged the need for accommodation centres. The Logistics Cluster has reached out to LET partners to check what available resources they may know of. CMAM has a big office space that can accommodate additional humanitarian personnel.
- Partners raised the need to coordinate the delivery of humanitarian cargo to make sure there is no duplication of efforts.

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- Partners requested that the Logistics Cluster prioritise items. The Logistics Cluster will prioritise items based on guidance from the ICCG and HCT.
  - UNICEF asked if handling equipment is available in Beira Airport. Partners were advised that DFID is bringing extra equipment.
  - Partners were requested to continue sharing any access constraints they're facing with the Logistics Cluster.

### 3. Next Steps

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- The Logistics Cluster will continue to share information on available resources for storage, transport and cargo handling.
- Cluster meetings are also being held in Beira. The next Beira meeting will be on Monday 25 March at 8:00.
- Additional Logistics Cluster staff will be arriving in Mozambique in the following days. An IM officer will join the team in Maputo and the Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator will be arriving on 23 March.

***The next Logistics Cluster meeting in Maputo is scheduled for Monday 25 March at 9:00 at UNDP premises.***

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