

LOCATION: Philippines
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Coordination & Information Management/GIS

- The Logistics Cluster continues to provide support, coordination, assessments and information to its partners in Tacloban, Guiuan, Ormoc, Cebu, and Roxas to facilitate access to adequate logistics services through local markets and/or asset sharing among partners.
- A dedicated IM Officer is present in Tacloban and GIS support is available through OCHA in Tacloban.
- Coordination meetings will continue bi-weekly in Tacloban and on an ad-hoc basis in Cebu, Roxas, Guiuan, Ormoc and Manila.
- As part of the phase-out, the structure of the Logistics Cluster is changing. There will be one Logistics Cluster Coordinator for the Philippines Operation who will be based in Tacloban. The Logistics Cluster Coordinator will cover both Region VII and Region VIII.

Border Crossings & Customs

- The Customs One Stop Shops are operational in Manila and Cebu. Their working timings are from 08:00- 17:00 (Monday to Friday). For information on contact details, please contact the Logistics Cluster.

Access constraints and Assessments

- Commercial warehouses assessment maps which include more sustainable storage space for Roxas, Tacloban, Ormoc and Guiuan can be viewed on the Logistics Cluster website: <http://logcluster.org/ops/phl13a>
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to update logistics assessments including commercial warehousing and transporters in the affected areas. These will be shared with partners to enable them to better access the local market for their logistics needs.
- The Access Constraints Map for Visayas as of 28 February 2014 can be found at <http://logcluster.org/map/visayas-access-constraints-map-28-february-2014>

Transport (Overland and Sea)

- The Logistics Cluster has discontinued the provision of all transport services as the local commercial providers have the capacity to respond to the transport needs of all partners. The Logistics Cluster regularly shares updated lists of commercial transport providers in key locations.
- In Leyte, the Logistics Cluster has discontinued the provision of trucks to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as of 28 February and transferred this function to DSWD.

Storage

- The Logistics Cluster has started scaling down the provision of temporary storage for inter-agency cargo with the target to discontinue all storage services by the 15 March. The Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) in Ormoc has been closed since 28 February, while MSUs in Guiuan, Roxas and Tacloban are scheduled to close no later than 15 March.
- The Logistics Cluster is evaluating options to respond to the continuing request from partners for solutions to their long term storage requirements either through available capacity, WFP loan of MSUs or provision of assets through UNHRD.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to support other agencies in the assembly of MSUs. One MSU will be installed at the request of CRS at Salcedo in Eastern Samar in the coming days.

Capacity Building

- The Logistics Cluster has implemented a series of operational trainings and briefings to enhance capacity building and knowledge transfer at the local level as part of the transition strategy. In all, 140 participants from the Government and 23 partners have been trained on Health & Safety management during relief operations, Warehouse Management, First Aid and Collection of data through GPS, Generator use and maintenance and Logistics Cluster Standard Operating

Procedure.

- Five forklift operators employed by WFP and IOM in Ormoc and Tacloban have received certificates from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) as part of Logistics Cluster capacity building strategy.

Air Transport

- UNHAS has discontinued its free passenger transport services as of the 15 February 2014. Dedicated flights and medical evacuations are still available on a cost recovery basis.
- WFP Aviation organised a chartered flight for the Under Secretary General and Emergency Relief Coordinator; Ms. Valerie Amos during her visit to Guiuan and Tacloban on the 26 February.

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