Operations Overview as of 31 August 2014

The Logistics Cluster, when activated in a sudden onset emergency, is responsible for providing logistics coordination, information management; and, where there is a gap in logistics infrastructure, it acts as a ‘Provider of Last Resort’ by offering common logistics services to support the humanitarian community in their response operations.

Introduction

The Logistics Cluster is undertaking North Waziristan Displaced Persons Operations since the activation of the cluster approach. The Logistic Cluster is catering to the immediate support requested both by the Government of Pakistan and international/national humanitarian communities to provide the secured storage space and logistics support for transport and transit of humanitarian goods across the areas of operation.

Overall Strategy of the Logistics Cluster

- To establish provincial coordination cell for North Waziristan Agency (NWA) in Peshawar to ensure close coordination with the humanitarian community and government counterparts
- To set up Logistic Cluster teams in Bannu and Dera Ismail (D.I) Khan districts
- To provide information management services with the aim of supporting operational decision making to improve the efficiency and visibility of the logistics response
- To establish three logistic hubs for transit and storage in KP province in Peshawar, D.I.Khan and Bannu
- To establish additional storage capacity if required in North Waziristan Agency
- To support transportation and delivery of urgent relief items to and within the affected areas in case of critical needs

Logistics Coordination, Information Management and GIS

- Since its local re-activation on 21 June 2014, the Logistics Cluster has been tasked under a new Special Operation, with providing logistics support to enhance the timeliness and coordination of the response of the humanitarian community to the NWA IDP operation, with a dedicated coordination cell in Peshawar and Logistics Cluster focal points in D.I. Khan and Bannu, the epicenter of the humanitarian response.
- Weekly coordination meetings are conducted at WFP Peshawar Provincial Office. So far over 30 NGOs, INGOs, International Organisations and UN agencies participated.
- Information is disseminated through the mailing list of organisations on the ground and via the Logistics Cluster website (http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak14a).
- The Logistics Cluster has a dedicated GIS officer in Peshawar able to take requests from the humanitarian community for any logistics mapping required.

Storage

- WFP, as the lead of the Logistics Cluster, is providing over 1,600 m² of storage space to the humanitarian community, in multiple locations with the capacity to scale-up rapidly should the need arise.
- Common storage space has been established in the three main logistics hubs of Peshawar (Noswhera), Bannu, D.I.Khan.
- Installation and emergency Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) support has also been provided to the humanitarian community on a no-cost-to-user basis.

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As of 31 August 2014, over 1,500 cubic meter (m³) of relief items have been stored on behalf of 3 different organizations including Assistant Commissioner’s office Bannu, DRC and World Vision International in Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan districts in Bannu; and D.I. Khan MSU. Relief items stored include school bags, food hampers, buckets, emergency kits, jerry cans, stoves, hygiene kits, floor mats, aqua materials, mosquito nets, mattress, tents, and KIT.

In July 2014 the Logistics Cluster conducted a quick assessment of commercial warehousing capacities in Bannu. Two locations inside industrial areas were identified. Assessment results were shared during Logistic Cluster coordination meetings.

**Road Transport**

- Since 21 June 2014, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the road transport of over 3,370 m³ to different locations in Bannu district on behalf of 6 different organizations which includes the local government authority of Bannu (ACR), World Vision International, SAFFRON, DRC, NRC and Fata Disaster Management Authority (FDMA). The Logistics Cluster is currently assessing commercial warehousing capacities in Bannu and planning to improve the existing Logistics infrastructure setup at the Bannu Sports stadium for the humanitarian community’s use.

**Capacity building**

- 9 local staff have been trained in Islamabad and Peshawar in the Relief Item Tracking Application (RITA) for consignment reporting. RITA allows for better management of service requests; improved remote support for customers and operators in field locations; remote login by customers; and, better consolidation of service reporting.

- The Logistics Cluster organised a “Prefabricated Warehouse Assembly Training” from 12 to 13 August 2014 in Peshawar with 18 participants from 11 different organisations in attendance.

**Funding**

The Logistics Cluster has received US$ 304,000 from ECHO and US$ 200,000 from CERF.