

LOCATION: PESHAWAR

DATE: 08 July 2014

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: BEST, COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CRDO), EHSAR FOUNDATION, HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IOM, IKHLAS WELFARE SOCIETY (IWS), MUSLIM HANDS, NORWEGIAN REFUGEE COUNCIL (NRC), SAVE THE CHILDREN, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNOCHA, UNOPS, WFP, WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL (WVI)

- AGENDA:**
1. Introduction
 2. Situation update
 3. Logistics Cluster services
 4. Identification of potential logistics gaps in KPK/FATA (Roundtable)

INTRODUCTION

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator welcomed all the participants, presented the agenda and kindly requested attendees to assist in identifying needs and gaps in the operation. Participants introduced themselves.

SITUATION UPDATE

- Thousands of people are leaving their settlements in North Waziristan to seek refuge and the number of migrants has been increasing with time. The number of new registrations is being verified and may require adjustment to the amount of relief commodities needed for the response.
- OCHA gave a brief overview of the current situation regarding the No-Objection Certificates (NOC) both for travel and project needs:
 - The actual application of the policy for the NOC for Travel (security clearance) varies greatly and it currently seems that for Bannu is required only for foreign staff.
 - In some provinces of Pakistan, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) requests humanitarian partners to apply for "no-objection certificates" before launching a new project or programme. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) the NOC for Humanitarian Projects are required for all projects and issued by PDMA and by FATA Disaster Management Authority (FDMA).
- UNDSS and OCHA are meeting on 08 July and issues will be further discussed at the Security Meeting (ASMT) and later on duly shared with all the various activated clusters.

LOGISTICS CLUSTER SERVICES

- Storage space has been arranged in the three main logistics hubs across the area of operation (Peshawar (Noswhera, Bannu, Dera Ismail Kahn (D.I.Khan) and Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) made available to the humanitarian community on a no-cost to the user basis.
- In Bannu WFP has installed three MSUs in the sport complex, one is available to the use of Logistics Cluster, while another MSU is already on the ground and ready to be set-up in the coming days.

- Road transport services are available on an ad hoc basis for urgent delivery of relief items for the area of operation.
- The Logistics Cluster has been supporting FDMA, SAFROM and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) with the provision of dedicated Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and road transport to assist their operations.
- The Logistics Cluster stands ready to support partners' requests and organisations are kindly asked to send in Service Request Forms (SRFs) available on the dedicated webpage in support of the operation where all relevant documents are being posted: <http://logcluster.org/ops/pak14a>
- Organisations requiring their own storage facility are requested to contact the Cluster Coordinator for more information regarding the loan of MSUs.

IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL GAPS (ROUNDTABLE)

- Attendees highlighted the main issue currently faced as access to the affected areas. Obtaining project and travel NOCs remains the main limiting factor for new organisations to operate in the area.
- UNHCR, WHO, NRC and UNICEF are operational on the ground either directly or through Implementing Partners (IPs).
- NRC enquired about transport services while UNICEF will come back with requirements after discussing with IPs.
- Both WHO and UNHCR have sufficient storage and transport in place.
- Other organisations are awaiting NOCs and potentially expected to start in the coming week. Both Handicap International and World Vision enquired about the transport service.

Next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting will be held in Peshawar on 15 July at 10.30 am in WFP Office

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