

LOCATION: Ormoc, Philippines

DATE: 29 January 2013

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: IFRC, IOM, OXFAM, WHO, MDM, Office of Civil Defence, Red Cross/ERU Save the Children, SHA, Balay Mindanaw Foundation Inc

- ACTION POINTS:**
- Presentation of the overview of Logistics Cluster's services in support of partners in response to typhoon Haiyan.
 - Presentation of on-going Logistics Cluster services and new strategy based on capacity building and timelines for phase out.

INTRODUCTION & FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS ACTION POINTS

- The Logistics Cluster provided an overview of the key operational support provided to partners by the Logistics Cluster in the areas of coordination, information management and service provision and presented the way forward and timelines for phasing down services.
- Partners were informed that Logistics Cluster is organizing series of trainings in the areas of Generator Use and Maintenance, Warehouse Management, First Aid Training and GPS training and Logistics Cluster SOPs. The trainings are tailored to build local capacity and organizations interested are invited to participate in Tacloban.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that the Logistics Cluster has completed the assessment of commercial warehouses and published the map on the website as a way to ease prevailing storage constraints. Please see the following link for information: <http://logcluster.org/ops/phl13a>

SITUATION UPDATE

Partners were briefed on the outcome of the Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting held in Tacloban on Thursday, 23 January. An overview of the cluster services since the beginning of the operation was presented.

Transport

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the dispatch of 21, 700mt of relief cargo to key locations for the humanitarian community using land, sea and air transport.

Storage

- The Logistics Cluster provided storage for 8,700 m3 of relief cargo for 30 organizations. Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) were erected at strategic locations in Palo, Tacloban Airport, Guiuan, Ormoc and Roxas as temporary storage spaces.

Service Users

- As of today, the Logistics Cluster through its coordination functions and service provision has served 51 organizations from the Government, UN and NGOs using 20 staff.

UNHAS

- Starting from 1 February, UNHAS flights will serve only Roxas and Guiuan. Dedicated flights will also be performed for MSF. Medical Evacuations and special flights will be available on a cost recovery basis. UNHAS services will discontinue from 15 February.

Transition

- The partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster has started a gradual scale down of services since the local commercial market is able to absorb most demands for transport and storage.
- The temporary storage services in MSUs in Ormoc will be closed by 28 February 2014. The MSU currently serving Ormoc will be removed by that date and all partners are requested to retrieve their items prior to the dismantling of the unit. The Logistics Cluster will be reviewing the situation in each location. The coordinator reiterated the need for partners to take advantage of availability of warehouse spaces and also to pull resources together where there is need to find a lasting solution.
- The Logistics Cluster, within its mandate, will continue to support all stakeholders where there are gaps and constraints.
- To ensure that partners are able to access local transport providers and commercial warehouses for longer term storage, the Logistics Cluster will increase its support through assessments, maps, information sharing and coordination to enable partners make informed decisions to meet their needs.
- Some operation related maps were distributed to partners. The Logistics Cluster invited partners with specific requirements for map to send such requests.

PARTNERS' BRIEFS

- The Finish-Red Cross asked about the possibility to keep their MSU in Palo Warehouse beyond March. The Logistics Cluster will engage bilaterally to find suitable solutions.
- IOM has about 42,000 corrugated sheets in the pipeline and they are looking for storage space to accommodate the incoming cargo.
- Trucks carrying partners' cargo have been delayed in Matnog ports due to the impact of the recent tropical depression. OCD acknowledged the long queue of both commercial and humanitarian trucks in this location and promised to support by prioritizing trucks carrying relief items. They made available their contact details, as follows: Patrick (poseidon81872@gmail.com). For additional information please contact the Logistics Cluster.
- To avoid the Matnog scenario in the future, some partners suggested that cargo could be routed to alternative ports such as Bay Bay and Isabel.
- WHO requested the Logistics Cluster to provide trainings on the use of GPS for their logistics and programme staff. The Logistics Cluster will discuss bilaterally with ERU to arrange the requested training.
- Partners informed that there is need to have a ferry services to ease the congestion in Matnog especially for cargo coming from Manila. The Logistics Cluster advised partners who are interested in co-sharing a ferry service to raise it at the Cebu and Manila cluster level in order to coordinate the dispatch of relief goods.

GAPS AND CONSTRAINTS

- No significant logistics gaps or constraints were reported by the partners.

AOB

- WHO asked about evacuation procedures for the City Hall building. The OCD notified partners that the municipality is the right authority to approach for the emergency procedure.
- WHO is offering First Aid Training to local staff operating in the field in Ormoc. This will be held every weekend starting on 1 February; participants interested in attending are requested to contact Michael McDonnell (WHO) at mcdonellm@wpro.who.int

- The Logistics Cluster inquired on the possibility of WHO to implement the First Aid training in Tacloban as part of the Cluster transition trainings. WHO agreed in principle to the proposal, further discussions will be held bilaterally to agree on the modalities.
- Médecines du Monde is implementing capacity buildings focusing on the area of health as its exit strategy.
- The partners agreed that there is need to continue the bi-weekly Coordination meetings. Thus, the next Ormoc Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 12 February at 17:00 at the City Hall OSOCC office.

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