

Highlights

- The National Logistics Working group (NLWG) was established on 17 October with seven organisations represented. This meeting marked the beginning of a fruitful cooperation between key partners to initiate the Global Logistics Cluster's Field-Based Preparedness Project in Mozambique.
- On 30 October and 6 November, NLWG met at the National Institute of Disaster Management's (INGC) premises to review the Terms of Reference of the group and provide inputs for the preparation of the Logistics Preparedness Workshop. New members were integrated, such as the DGA – General Customs Administration, WHO and CMAM – Central Medical stores.
- A simulation-based Logistics Cluster Preparedness Gap-Analysis workshop was conducted 18-20 November in Maputo.
- The INGC representative attended the Global Logistics Cluster Preparedness Workshop in Rome on 25-28 November to share her experience with other countries.



Simulation based and Logistics gaps analysis Workshop organized by INGC and WFP

Background

In 2019 Mozambique was selected by the Logistics Cluster community as one of 24 country candidates for the Global Logistics Cluster's Field Based Preparedness Project ("the Project"). The Project aims primarily to support and empower national actors in strengthening their capacity to prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises. A key objective is to facilitate a coordinated approach towards improving local supply chain resilience and information exchange between the government, national actors and the private sector, to ensure all actors are well prepared for joint humanitarian logistics responses.

In March 2019 Category 3 Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique, followed six weeks later by Category 4 Cyclone Kenneth. It is the first time in recorded history that two strong tropical cyclones have hit Mozambique in the same season. As part of the humanitarian response, the Logistics Cluster was activated to support the responding community overcome key logistics gaps and challenges.

Building upon the experience of a joint humanitarian response, the World Food Programme (WFP), as global lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Instituto Nacional de Gestão de Calamidades (INGC), Mozambique's National Disaster Management Agency, in May 2019. The MoU focused on strengthening national capacity in three key areas: emergency preparedness and logistics, planning optimization, and monitoring and evaluation. In line with this, and to ensure local and regional networks and capacities are augmented before, during and after a response, a Logistics Cluster Preparedness Officer was deployed to Mozambique in September 2019 under the Global Logistics Cluster's Project.

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Coordination

- The Logistics Cluster Preparedness Gap-Analysis workshop on 18-20 November brought together 50 participants from across the government, humanitarian organisations and the private sector, in order to discuss the logistics gaps and constraints and to bring potential solutions to increase national logistics capacities. The participative approach used was a significant element of success. A simulation exercise was conducted to guide the participants through the process of identifying and analysing gaps, challenges and constraints (split into five groups, by logistics area: air transport, sea and river transport, road transport, warehousing and reception of goods/services). The discussions also consisted in defining key actions and recommendations to fulfil the gaps and needs identified. The inputs will be integrated into the plan of action that is expected to be approved in January 2020. Taking into consideration the lessons learned during the humanitarian response, the participants' expectations were high in terms of having a realistic plan and concrete solutions to improve the effectiveness of the joint efforts.
- A national Logistics Working Group (NLWG) has been initiated in Mozambique. INGC is the government-led organisation for the Project, with support from WFP. Coordination meetings will be conducted regularly throughout 2020 to monitor the approved actions.
- In addition to logistics preparedness activities, WFP has a key role in gathering and coordinating sectoral preparedness initiatives and will assist INGC with additional technical activities such as ETC management and data management on beneficiaries. The Logistics Preparedness Officer, who has been the primary focal point with INGC, was designated to ensure coordination and provide technical assistance when needed to the other working groups.

Information management

- To improve the efficiency of the humanitarian response, INGC requested WFP assistance to develop an information management system that will gather information from the different partners and sectors. A centralised system with updated data collected from different country levels will support the decision-making process of national authorities in future responses.
- As regards to logistics preparedness and planning, INGC has expressed the need to have a platform/dashboard compiling all the available logistics resources, facilities and infrastructures. This information will then be accessible by all the partners supporting logistics services.
- The [Mozambique Preparedness Website](#) was created on October, in order to publish documents and share information on the ongoing activities related to the Project.
- Meeting Minutes of three NLWG meetings were published on the webpage:
 - Meeting of 17 October ([English](#) and [Portuguese](#) version).
 - [Meeting of 30 October](#).
 - [Meeting of 16 November](#).

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