DATE: 14 July 2015
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS: Department for International Development (DfID), World Food Programme (WFP), Crown Agents and International Procurement Agency (CAIPA)

ACTION POINTS:
- Logistics Cluster to share and publish online the updated Access Constraints map
- Logistics Cluster to share the recent Feedback Survey results and publish online

AGENDA:
1. Follow up Action Points from previous meeting
2. Upcoming changes to storage and transportation services in the fall
3. A.O.B.

1. Follow up on action points from previous meeting

- The access constraints map has been updated, including constraints on routes between major destinations and effects of the rainy season. The map will be published online and shared with organisations, who are welcome to provide further information on access constraints to improve the map.
- A brief summary of highlights from the Logistics Cluster Feedback Survey was shared and results can be made available.

2. Upcoming changes to storage and transportation services in the fall

- The Logistics Cluster shared that there has been a recent reduction of operational demands and logistics constraints. Considering the evolving situation, discussions have been held on plans for a gradual reduction of logistics services provided by WFP, starting from October 2015.
- The Logistics Cluster proposed that, beginning in October 2015, WFP as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, would provide no-cost-to-the-user storage and handling only for items still stored in the Port Loko logistics base and for critical incoming items directly related to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) response, and free-to-user transportation services will no longer be provided. The Logistics Cluster would remain available to facilitate information sharing and coordination.
- Starting in November, it is foreseen that the Logistics Cluster role as “service provider of last resort” will be phased out, continuing however to facilitate information sharing and to act as a coordination body.
- In consideration of the possible reduction of logistics services provision, WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, will support humanitarian organisations to identify sustainable solutions and long term strategies.
- WFP also plans to support and share market assessments of logistics suppliers across Sierra Leone. CAIPA shared their concern about other effective storage solutions in-country, other than what is currently available at Port Loko.
- At the same time, the Logistics Cluster through WFP continues to assist the response to Operation Northern Push in Kambia and Port Loko. 14 WFP light vehicles have been made available to the Kambia DERC, and UNHAS flights are going to Kambia three times a week. Tent construction was supported by
WFP, while NFI transportation was facilitated by the Logistics Cluster.

- These transition plans will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary, especially given the continuing changing nature of the Ebola outbreak and the response of the humanitarian community.
- DfiD commented that the proposed transition timelines would come at a peak time for them and other organisations, as the phase out of several Ebola Treatment Units (ETU) is being planned around that time. To possibly help navigate upcoming events, organisations are encouraged to share with the Logistics Cluster any particular operational plans they may have, to help guide activities.

3. A.O.B.

- Nothing significant to report.

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