

- DATE:** 28 July 2015
- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator
- PARTICIPANTS:** Department for International Development (DfID), World Food Programme (WFP), CARE International, Partners in Health (PIH), Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), Médecins du Monde (MDM).
- ACTION POINTS:**
- Logistics Cluster to remind organisations who may be interested in supporting the Logistics Cluster Sierra Leone as co-facilitator, to liaise with the Logistics Cluster.
  - Logistics Cluster to request organisations who may have an alternative meeting venue for the Logistics Cluster meeting to liaise with the Logistics Cluster bilaterally.
- AGENDA:**
1. Follow up Action Points from previous meeting
  2. Updates from the National Ebola Response Coordination (NERC)
  3. Discussions on upcoming changes to logistics services
  4. AOB

### 1. Follow up Action Points from previous meeting

- Organisations confirmed the minutes from the previous meeting and no action points required follow up.

### 2. Updates from the National Ebola Response Coordination (NERC)

- The NERC representative apologized for non-attendance. There were no further updates.

### 3. Discussions on upcoming changes of logistic services

- 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 regarding a gradual reduction of no-cost-to user logistics services provided by WFP, starting from October 2015.
- From 1 October, free-to-user transport services, through WFP, will no longer be provided to organisations unless transport is required to remove items from Port Loko Main Logistics Base (MLB) to organisation's own warehousing.
- The Logistics Cluster will remain available and support organisations to make transition plans, including the potential shared management of the Port Loko MLB.
- Organisations were encouraged to continue to share information on gaps, challenges and constraints concerning logistics issues.
- Organisations shared, that finding appropriate storage capacity for medical commodities remains a challenge. In this respect, PIH mentioned that they are having difficulties locating appropriate warehouses to accommodate the type of commodities they wish to store.
- In accordance with the discussed phase-out plans, the Logistics Cluster, through WFP, will continue to facilitate logistics services. However, users were reminded that all the requests should be in line with the Logistics' Cluster role as "provider of last resort".

### 4. A.O.B.

- Organisations were encouraged to liaise with the Logistics Cluster if they are interested in supporting the Logistics Cluster Sierra Leone in a co-facilitator position.
- Organisations who may have an alternative meeting venue for the Logistics Cluster coordination meetings were requested to liaise with Logistics Cluster bilaterally.



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