

DATE: 10 March 2015

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Aspen Medical, CARE, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department for International Development (DfID), African Union, Handicap International, Medair, National Ebola Response Centre (NERC), Oxfam, Partners in Health (PIH), Save the Children, German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), UNICEF, UNMEER

ACTION POINTS:

- Organisations to submit a Service Request Form (SRF) if chlorine is requested from the USAID donation. Upon receipt, SRFs will be shared with USAID to approve allocations.
- NERC representative to share customs procedures and follow-up on overland cross border transport procedures.
- UNICEF to provide update on strategy and plan for school opening and transport/storage requirements.

AGENDA:

1. Follow up on Action Points from previous meeting
2. Update from NERC
3. Logistics Services
4. A.O.B./ Service Request Forms and Procedures

1. Follow up on Action points from previous meeting

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator advised that the 41mt donation of Chlorine from USAID with a concentration of 65% was currently undergoing customs clearance and that the previous difficulties encountered had been resolved. The Chlorine is expected to be cleared by 13 March 2015. 10kg and 25kg buckets are available and organisations should send a Service Request Form (SRF) to Sierraleone.cargo@logcluster.org, outlining the amount and location required. The form is available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/sierra-leone-service-request-form>.
- The Logistics Cluster noted that it had received information that the fast-track procedure at the sea port was not working, while it was operating well at the airport. The NERC representative advised that he was not currently aware of delays but willing to follow-up, upon receiving more detailed information. It was also offered to share the procedures for customs clearance at air- and sea port with the Logistics Cluster.

2. Update from NERC

- The NERC representative noted that the NERC is closely cooperating and coordinating with UNICEF and the Ministry of Health for the reopening of schools, scheduled for 30 March.
- The NERC representative also noted that those organisations working with Smart Alliance in the 12 districts outside the Western area should get in contact with the District Coordinators and the District fleet managers. The reason is that the agreements, to use the maintenance and fuel provision for vehicles from the Smart Alliance, need to be verified or renewed, in order to continue the services.
- The NERC representative informed Logistics Cluster participants that more detailed information about overland cross-border movement is expected, once the available official returns from a cross border surveillance mission.

3. Logistics Services

- During the week from 2-8 March, the Logistics Cluster facilitated transport of 122m³ to organisations in Bo and Freetown, including for MSF Belgium, WHO, DfID, WFP, Child Fund and Emergency. Since 4 September, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 13m³ for 27 organisations. The top ten users of transport requests are WHO, WFP, UNMEER, IHP, THW, UNICEF, IFRC, MSF Belgium, IMC and the Health Association of Sierra Leone.
- In the same period 120m³ were stored in Port Loko, and Makeni for MSF Holland, DfID and WHO. Since 4 September, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 11m³ of humanitarian relief and medical supplies for 19 organisations. The top users of storage services are WHO, WFP, UNICEF, DfID, UNMEER, THW, IHP, IMC, IFRC and Oxfam.
- During the past week, the stock-on-hand report by location showed that most cargo is stored at Port Loko (3.5m³), in Makeni (1m³), Ferry Junction (952m³) and Kenema (222m³).
- Based on the stock-on-hand report, participants were reminded that storage space is becoming increasingly limited – currently each Forward Logistics Base (FLB) is at approximately 90 percent or over capacity. Organisations are requested to begin moving stock in order to make space available for incoming cargo.
- The 40ft temperature controlled container in Port Loko is operational and requests for storage should be sent to: Sierraleone.cargo@logcluster.org, including a complete Service Request Form (SRF). Also, participants that already have sensitive items stored in Port Loko were asked to identify these boxes to allow the Logistics Cluster to transfer them to the temperature controlled container.
- Participants were reminded that maps can be produced for organisations, including both the printing of already published maps as well as new maps, if the required information is provided.

4. A.O.B. / Service Request Forms and Procedures

- UNICEF noted that the reopening of schools may be delayed until 7 April, due to the Easter holidays, pending a confirmation from the President. The National Election Commission (NEC) and the Ministry of Education are the two key partners for UNICEF. The NEC warehouse at Wellington is not sufficient, but another location can be made available. The NEC has warehouses at district level that are sufficient.
- The distribution of supplies to schools will take place in two phases. The first will include cleaning materials, hygiene kits and thermometers. 40 percent will be provided by UNICEF, the remaining items by the World Bank. The first phase is scheduled to begin this week. The second phase is expected to take place in late March to early April, as all material has yet to be acquired.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator noted that some organisations had reported difficulties in receiving much needed medical supplies for the Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) from the Central Medical Stores (CMS). It was advised that organisations receiving funding from DfID should not be approaching CMS, but DfID. In case urgent supplies are needed, DfID in Freetown can establish the contact to CMS and support the release of cargo.



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- The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled to take place on 17 March at 10:30 at UNMEER Compound, Block 3 Conference Room, Special Court, Jomo Kenyatta Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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