

DATE: 24 March 2015

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Aspen Medical, CARE, Christian Aid, USAID OFDA, Department for International Development (DfID), Handicap International, National Ebola Response Centre (NERC), Partners in Health (PiH), German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), UNMEER, UNOPS, Emergency, WHO, UNICEF, Clinton Health Access (CAI), Emergency, OCHA, International Medical Corps (IMC) and Medair.

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.
- Logistics Cluster to share customs procedure snapshot after clearance by NERC.
- Participants to provide requirements for prepositioning for the rainy season and an update on operations during the rainy season.

AGENDA:

1. Follow up Action Points from previous meeting
2. Updates from NERC
3. Logistics Services
4. Updates from UNMEER Aviation
5. A.O.B.

1. Follow up on Action points from previous meeting

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator advised that the 41mt donation of Chlorine from USAID has been in storage since 17 March 2015 in Makeni, Kenema and Port Loko. Based on the requests submitted to Sierraleone.cargo@logcluster.org, 20mt have been allocated to IMC, IOM, IRC and Christian Aid. Participants requiring Chlorine, should submit a Service Request Form, available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/sierra-leone-service-request-form>.
- Participants were informed that the customs procedures, as well as documents required for overland crossings and export of cargo has been consolidated, will be validated by the NERC and shared with participants at the next meeting.

2. Update from NERC

- The NERC representative provided an update about the 'Stay at Home' campaign, which commences on Friday 27 March at 6am and will continue to Sunday 29 March at 6pm. The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness and sensitivity among the general public as part of the 'Zero Ebola' campaign. During the three days, a survey of suspected cases in the affected areas will strengthen the case management.
- The movement of humanitarian organizations working on the Ebola Response is not restricted, but vehicles should carry the logo of the organization and staff require valid ID cards, to avoid unnecessary delays at checkpoints.
- The Logistics Cluster advised that cargo arriving at the airport in Lungi from 27-29 March can be stored at the Mobile Storage Unit (MSU). The commercial contractors will not be restricted but all necessary documentation is required, to present to the police (Waybills/ Load Manifest/ Delivery Notes).
- The NERC representative also noted that all citizens will be asked to stay at home from 6am to 6pm on Saturday 4, 11 and 18 April 2015.

3. Logistics Services

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that transport and storage services will be limited during the ‘Stay at Home’ campaign; transport can only be provided for life-saving requirements
- The groundwork for the extension of Port Loko is ongoing. The Logistics Cluster Coordinator noted that the extension had started on 21 March and the site will be extended gradually, improving the drainage for the rainy season for the existing and setting up 14 additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). The hub will remain operational during the extension.
- Participants were advised that the dispatch of cargo for UNICEF, used for the ‘back-to-school’ programme, has freed up some space in Makeni and Kenema.
- The 40ft temperature controlled container in Port Loko is operational and participants were asked to identify their temperature sensitive cargo in storage at Port Loko. Organisations requiring temperature controlled storage should use the Service Request Form (SRF) and send it to: Sierraleone.cargo@logcluster.org for storage requests.

4. A.O.B.

- In regard to the USAID/ OFDA donation of chlorine, it was enquired if the Central Medical Store (CMS) was aware as they indicated low availability of chlorine. The Logistics Cluster confirmed that CMS has been informed about the procedures, but no SRF was received to date. The topic was also mentioned several times at the UNICEF pipeline meeting where CMS was present.
- Following up on the point raised at the last Coordination Meeting, the Logistics Cluster noted that no detailed information had been received regarding supply issues from CMS for the EVD operation, which would be necessary to raise the issue.
- UNMEER has given an update about the aviation operations. UNHAS will take over all aviation operations from UNMEER on 15 April in Sierra Leone. The head of UNMEER Aviation will join WFP UNHAS, to ensure continuity. The German C160 cargo plane, operating from Accra will continue to be requested via UNMEER until 30 June. The helicopter fleet will be reduced from three to two: One Mi8 helicopter for regular service and non-ebola medical evacuations, and one Bell helicopter for ebola medical evacuation and passenger transport close to Freetown. No helicopter flights will take place during the ‘Stay at Home’ campaign from 27-29 March, however international flights will continue to operate.
- The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled to take place on 31 March at 10:30 at UNMEER Compound (Block 3 Conference Room, Special Court, Jomo Kenyatta Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone).

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