

**DATE:** 31 March 2015

**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator

**PARTICIPANTS:** Aspen Medical, CARE, Christian Aid, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), USAID OFDA, US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department for International Development (DfID), Emergency, Handicap International, National Ebola Response Centre (NERC), Medicos del Mundo (MdM), National Pharmaceutical Procurement Unit (NPPU), OCHA, Partners in Health (PiH), German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), IOM, UNMEER, UNOPS, World Vision International.

**ACTION POINTS:**

- NERC to provide update on status of Guinea cross border movement and restrictions.
- Logistics Cluster to share customs procedure snapshot after clearance by NERC.
- 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
- 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. A.O.B.

### 1. Follow up on Action points from previous meeting

- The Logistics Cluster advised that 25 mt of the 41 mt USAID-donated chlorine has been allocated to six organizations. Participants can request chlorine from the main logistics hub in Port Loko and the Forward Logistics Bases (FLB) in Makeni and Kenema.
- Organisations were asked to provide information on their plans for prepositioning cargo during the rainy season and the planned volume of cargo to be transported and stored, as well as any requirements for storage nearer to Freetown.

### 2. Update from NERC

- The NERC representative noted that a lessons learned report will be produced about the stay-at-home campaign from 27 to 29 March, including the recommendation to inform humanitarian organisations in sufficient time. The first indications of the campaign are positive: case management improved during the three day period, emergency calls increased and patients were subsequently admitted to Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs).
- Participants were informed that a stay-at-home campaign may take place in Sierra Leone on 4, 11 and 18 April, but a decision was not yet taken. The NERC representative agreed to inform the Logistics Cluster, so that the information can be forwarded to organisations.
- A snapshot of the customs procedures and overland transport was presented and participants were asked for feedback. Once endorsed by the NERC, the snapshot will be shared via the mailing list for feedback and published on the Ebola Response Operation page on the Logistics Cluster website (<http://logcluster.org/ops/ebola14>).

### 3. Logistics Services

- The Logistics Cluster informed organisations that the German C-160 cargo plane operating from Ghana and tasked by UNMEER ended operations as of 30 March 2015.

- Logistics Cluster transport and storage services were limited during the stay-at-home campaign, due to the restrictions and the high number of trucks supporting the WFP food distribution. Services have returned to normal since Monday 30 March and the backlog will be cleared by mid-week.
- During the week of 23 to 29 March, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of almost 400m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of DfID, UNMEER, USAID, WHO, Care, WFP and THW. Organisations were advised that trucks should be used efficiently and smaller consignments may be co-loaded, to optimize transport capacity.
- Organisations were advised that the contract for the FLB in Freetown was not continued, due to the strategy of extending Port Loko as the Main Logistics Hub and increasing the storage from nine to 22 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). Organisations were asked to provide information to the Logistics Cluster, if additional storage requirements exist in Freetown or if large shipments are expected.
- The availability of storage in Kenema has improved, with approximately 200m<sup>2</sup> available. In Port Loko, about 150m<sup>2</sup> covered storage space remains available, as well as the same space for outdoor storage. In Makeni, approximately 120m<sup>2</sup> of covered storage space is available.

#### 4. A.O.B.

- Partners in Health informed participants that the border to Guinea was closed as of one day ago, on 30 March. The NERC representative agreed to follow-up and will provide an update during the next meeting.
- Emergency enquired if the schedule of the UNHAS flights will change when taking over the UNMEER air operations which is scheduled to take place in Sierra Leone on the 15 April. The Logistics Cluster affirmed that a change is likely due to the reduction from three to two helicopters in country, but the regional schedule was likely to remain the same. An update will be provided to partners during the next meeting.
- The next Logistics Coordination Meeting is scheduled to take place on 7 April at 10:30 at UNMEER Compound (Block 3 Conference Room, Special Court, Jomo Kenyatta Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone).

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