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**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator

**PARTICIPANTS:** ADRA, Action Against Hunger (ACF), Aspen Medical, CARE, USAID OFDA, US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department for International Development (DfID), National Ebola Response Centre (NERC), National Pharmaceutical Procurement Unit (NPPU), Partners in Health (PiH), German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW).

**ACTION POINTS:**

- Logistics Cluster to share customs procedure snapshot after clearance by NERC.
- Logistics Cluster to provide update on Port Loko extension.
- Updated UNHAS schedule to be shared at next Coordination Meeting.

**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 the allocations of USAID-donated chlorine to partners completed, were close to the total amount of the 41mt donation. Requests for the remaining amount should be sent to [Sierraleone.cargo@logcluster.org](mailto:Sierraleone.cargo@logcluster.org).
- Participants were advised that no information regarding the needs for the prepositioning of cargo before the rainy season had yet been received.

### 2. Updates from NERC

- The NERC representative shared the customs procedures snapshot and noted that input was pending for three contact details. Once received, the procedures will be published on the Logistics Cluster website at: [www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ebola14).
- The stay at home campaigns, due to take place during the coming Saturdays, will not be taking place at national level, but instead will take place at district level.
- Participants were informed that the Guinea border had re-opened in Kambia to the movement of humanitarian items.
- The NERC is currently streamlining its procedures, in response to the lower numbers of Ebola cases in the past weeks. Work is ongoing with partner organisations to define roles and responsibilities. The plan for EVD event management includes the District Ebola Response Centres raising an alert, followed by rapid response teams to deploy after NERC approval.

### 3. Logistics Services

- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that they will receive communication in the coming weeks if their cargo has been in storage for extended periods, and beyond the originally indicated end of storage. In that case, organisations will be requested to provide an update of when their cargo will be dispatched from storage, in order to ensure sufficient space for all relief cargo requiring short-term storage.
- The extension of the hub at Port Loko is on track to be completed by late April, which will result in more than twice the current storage capacity. Participants were advised that work was ongoing to support organisations that had requested assistance in finding storage solutions in Freetown.
- Transport requests during the month of March remained similar to the previous months at approximately 60 requests per month, but the volume has decreased. Organisations were advised to use commercial transport wherever possible. To facilitate the transport of small volume requests, cargo will be co-loaded, in order to optimize the use of the WFP fleet.

### 4. A.O.B.

- The new schedule for UNHAS, which will take over all air operations from UNMEER after 15 April, is not yet finalized. An update on the air services will be provided during the next meeting. In response to a question from Aspen Medical, it was confirmed that the regional flights will remain in place. Partners in Health informed participants that it was looking for incinerators. DfID and NPPU noted that they may be able to help on this regard and will provide more information following the meeting.
- DfID enquired about the possibility to have dedicated storage space at Port Loko. The Logistics Cluster advised that organisations can request storage services from the Logistics Cluster, lead by WFP as a provider of last resort, and that this service can be requested via the Service Request Forms (SRFs). However, no permanent storage solutions could be provided.
- The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled to take place on 14 April at 10:30 at UNMEER Compound (Block 3 Conference Room, Special Court, Jomo Kenyatta Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone).

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