Sierra Leone Ebola Response – Meeting Minutes

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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: ADRA, CARE, USAID, Department for International Development (DFiD), National Ebola Response Centre (NERC), Partners in Health (PiH), German Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), Team and Team Sierra Leone, Emergency, International Medical Corps (IMC), World Food Programme (WFP), CAIPA, UNOPS, Center for Disease Control (CDC), Medicos del Mundo (MdM)

ACTION POINTS:
- Logistics Cluster to share forms with organizations, to compile data on access constraints.
- Logistics Cluster to update what type of information can be added to access constraints map at national and district level.

AGENDA:
1. Follow up action points from previous meeting (access constraints map)
2. Updates from the NERC
3. Updates from organizations on logistics issues
4. A.O.B.

1. Follow up on Action points from previous meeting
   - Logistics Cluster to update an access constraints map for organizations ahead of the rainy season. The Logistics Cluster shared the most updated map (http://www.logcluster.org/map/sierra-leone-access-constraint-maps-18th-september-2014), and asked participants if that map already had the types of information that would be useful to them.
   - The CDC asked if expected increases in drive time could be added; ADRA enquired if wind patterns could be indicated; Team and Team in Sierra Leone asked if district maps could be available: The Cluster Coordinator agreed to clarify and follow up at the next meeting.
   - As maps can only be created if data is available, organizations who have already been tracking access issues were asked to submit any information to the Information Management Officer (contacts below). The forms can also be shared with all organizations to use, fill out as they identify issues, and supply to the Cluster to update the overall map.

2. Update from NERC
   - The NERC representative noted that a spike in Ebola cases was reported in Kambia last week, and 21 possible contact cases were removed from the islands in that area.
   - The NERC representative advised that the executive meeting on the future of the NERC was held on 22 April, and further discussions are ongoing. At the moment, one proposal under consideration would be for most NERC staff to transfer to the Office of National Security (ONS). UNMEER funding for the Special Court will finish by the end of June.

3. Updates from organizations on logistics issues
   - The Logistics Cluster invited organizations to share useful documents on how to prepare vehicles or other equipment during the rainy season, and also offered to provide information upon request, where available.
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- DFID enquired if there was an update on the Port Loko main storage hub. The Logistics Cluster advised the storage hub is completely functional, with only minor works ongoing. DFID also inquired if there would be any update on access to the Port Loko hub, once the rainy season starts. The Logistics Cluster advised that the access situation will be monitored and updates will be provided as necessary.

- CAIPA enquired if the 40-foot reefer (refrigeration) container at Port Loko was being used. The Logistics Cluster advised that WFP’s Forwards Logistics Base (FLB) coordinator is scheduled to visit Port Loko to check on thermo-sensitive materials and appropriate storage space for them.

4. A.O.B.

- Organizations were advised that 6mt of Chlorine remain in-stock and requests should be sent by using the Service Request Form, available at: http://www.logcluster.org/document/sierra-leone-service-request-form.

- The Logistics Cluster offered to meet with participating organizations individually over the next few weeks, to continue to get a better idea of their operational needs.

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