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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Office of US Direct Foreign Assistance (OFDA), CAIPA 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, United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER), African Union (AU), World Food Programme (WFP), National Pharmaceutical Procurement Unit (NPPU), US Center for Disease Control (CDC), United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), Christian Health Association Sierra Leone (CHASL), Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH).

ACTION POINTS:

- The Logistics Cluster Coordination team to circulate a list of tools for the rainy season with organizations, for feedback and additional suggestions.
- Organizations to share trainings they could offer with the Logistics Cluster.

AGENDA:

1. Follow up action points from previous meeting
2. Updates from the NERC
3. Updates from participants
4. Logistics Training needs
5. A.O.B.

1. Follow up on Action points from previous meeting

- The Logistics Cluster asked for feedback on a form that had been circulated with participants, to be used for collecting and sharing data on where access constraints exist in Sierra Leone. Data provided will be used to update the access constraints map, for organizations' use and planning during the upcoming rainy season.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator also shared a list of useful tools for vehicle recovery and mechanics to have available during the rainy season. The list will be shared for feedback. USAID/ OFDA enquired if hand wrenches were available on the open market in Freetown. DfID confirmed that they are available.

2. Update from NERC

- The NERC representative advised that it is still in transition, and its mandate is currently expected to end on 31 May. An update on how its services will function after 31 May should be available next week.
- The NERC representative advised that a team travelled to Kambia last week to investigate causes of continued Ebola transmission. The NERC is developing a plan to revamp social mobilization, ensuring the right messages are being conveyed in the district.

3. Updates from participants

- To help organizations with their planning, UNMEER re-emphasized their closure on 30 June, and encouraged organizations to consider how that might affect them. UNMEER further cautioned that their services and support will scale-down even before 30 June, due to staff and equipment transitioning out in phases.
- Participants enquired if other organizations have empty containers available that can be made available. Organizations with containers available were asked to contact the Logistics Cluster.
- WFP enquired how organizations are managing with their suppliers, and how much they are using international in comparison to local suppliers, in order to understand the general state of the supply chain and procurement in Sierra Leone. Organizations were advised that being prepared to procure locally could help during the rainy season.

4. Logistics Training needs

- Organizations were asked if any in-country logistics training existed, or if there were any needs. It was suggested that this could be an opportunity for organizations to leverage each other's expertise, by offering training to each other in areas they have experiences to share. A follow up email with organizations to explore this will be circulated.

5. A.O.B.

- The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 12 May at 10:30 at UNMEER Compound, Block 3 Conference Room, Special Court, Jomo Kenyatta Road, Freetown.

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