

- DATE:** 30 June 2015
- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator
- PARTICIPANTS:** Mankind's Activities for Development Accreditation Movement (MADAM), CARE, World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Crown Agents and International Procurement Agency partnership (CAIPA)
- ACTION POINTS:**
- Logistics Cluster to share updated access constraints information.
  - Logistics Cluster to share User Feedback Survey Data.
- AGENDA:**
1. Follow up on Action Points from previous meeting
  2. Update on Kambia Logistics Cluster activities
  3. Update on Forward Logistics Base (FLB) cargo movements
  4. Presentation by MADAM
  5. Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

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

- Data gathered on access constraints on major city-to-city routes in Sierra Leone, including travel times, road conditions, and distance was reviewed. It will be used to update the access constraints map and will be circulated with organisations, who are invited to give feedback.
- The Logistics Cluster User Feedback Survey has now been closed and the results will be circulated with organisations.

### 2. Update on Kambia Logistics Cluster activities

- Following the surge response to the increasing number of Ebola cases in Kambia, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating the transportation of Non Food Items (NFIs), 14 light vehicles have been made available to the Kambia District Emergency Response Centre (DERC), and UNHAS flights are available between Freetown and Kambia three times a week. UNICEF in Kambia were also supported with the construction of tents, to serve as temporary operations offices.
- The complex coordination required and sensitive aspects of the ongoing logistics operation in response to the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone was discussed.

### 3. Update on Forward Logistics Base (FLB) cargo movements

- The transfer of cargo stored at the Makeni Forward Logistics Base (FLB) and the Kenema FLB to the Port Loko Main Logistics Base (MLB) has been completed. Both the Makeni and Kenema FLBs are now on stand-by, and can be operationalized within 48 hours if needed.
- Organisations were provided an overview of the number of recent Logistics Cluster transport and storage requests received. In May, four transport requests were received and 86 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo transported, compared with 48 transport requests and 2,418 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo transported in January.
- Results from the Logistics Cluster survey will help inform organisations' needs, this data will also be used to help guide activities and capacity levels going forward. The Logistics Cluster Coordinator re-emphasized that while maintaining capacity to respond to continuing Ebola response needs was important, no-cost-to-the-user services are unsustainable in the long term, and organisations are encouraged to investigate sustainable solutions.
- Given the impact of Ebola on the local economy and business, and as local competitive markets begin to recover, the impact of free transport and storage services would have to be considered.
- UNICEF advised they are already in the process of developing a transition plan for their supplies in country.
- CAIPA commented that as part of a new healthcare programme, some items will be soon moved out of storage. CAIPA also shared that one of their approaches will be to use as much local supply as effectively possible. It was further observed that current excesses of stock were primarily due to supply not matching the scale of the crisis earlier in the

year (as the number of Ebola cases went down, pipelines generally did not).

#### 4. Presentation by MADAM

- The Sierra Leone NGO MADAM, who previously worked with THW and trained to THW standards, briefed organizations on their vehicle and generator repair and maintenance services to support the humanitarian community in Makeni. Organisations who require further information should contact the Logistics Cluster for MADAM's contact details.

#### 5. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator, Alberto Zerboni, will be temporarily leaving his position on 3 July until late August. German Puentes, WFP Logistics Officer, will cover as Logistics Cluster Coordinator during this period.

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