Sierra Leone Ebola Response – Meeting Minutes

Location: WFP Conference Room, Freetown
DATE: 11 August 2015
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Department for International Development (DfID), World Food Programme (WFP), World Bank, CARE International, OCHA, United States Agency for International Development/Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART), UNICEF, Partners in Health (PIH), Médecins du Monde (MDM), UNHAS, Save The Children International (SCI)

ACTION POINTS:
- The Logistics Cluster to schedule the return of loaned items with organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster to assess the commercial warehouse capacity and share the outcome with organisations.

AGENDA:
1. Follow up on Action Points from the previous meeting
2. Updates from the National Ebola Response Coordination (NERC)
3. Operational Updates
4. A.O.B.

1. Follow up Action Points from previous meeting
   - No action points from the previous meeting required follow up.

2. Updates from the National Ebola Response Coordination (NERC)
   - The NERC Ebola Response brief has been shared with organisations.

3. Operational Updates
   - Organisations were advised, that as the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) response enters into the third phase, once no more new Ebola cases are being reported within 42 days, organisations are considering or already starting transition plans.
   - The Logistics Cluster requested organisations, to return loaned assets that are no longer needed. Organisations were also encouraged to collaborate with the Logistics Cluster in order to schedule the return of loaned items before the expiration of the loan agreement.
   - Organisations shared that there is still need for appropriate and cost-efficient commercial warehouse facilities in Sierra Leone, especially for the storage of medical items. The Logistics Cluster will assess commercial warehouse capacity and share information on the outcome with organisations.
   - The Logistics Cluster encouraged organisations to investigate options for warehousing that is available to suit long-term storage requirements.
   - The World Bank shared that they are currently undertaking a review of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) operating in Sierra Leone. Organisations are encouraged to support the existing local commercial market for procurement and services needs where appropriate.

4. A.O.B.
   - The next coordination meeting will take place on 25 August at the WFP Conference Room Country Office in Freetown.
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