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CHAIR: Head of Logistics, WFP

PARTICIPANTS: ACF, ACTED, CARE, DfID, FAO, ICRC, IMC, JICA, Logistics Emergency Team (LET), MSF, Samaritan's Purse, Solidarités International, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID/OFDA, WFP, World Vision International (WVI), Shape You World (ZOA/SYW)

- ACTION POINTS:**
- The Logistics Cluster to share information on status of flights and sea transportation;
 - The Logistics Cluster to share UNHRD contact details;
 - Organisations to share needs assessment results and any gaps and constraints identified;

- AGENDA:**
- Situation Update
 - Logistics Update;
 - Roundtable;
 - AoB;

1. Situation Update

- WFP Head of Logistics opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.
- The Logistics Cluster Officer on mission gave an update on the general situation and highlighted the need for organisations to share information on logistics gaps and bottlenecks.
- Typhoon Hagupit first made landfall on 5 December in Eastern Samar, has now weakened to a tropical storm but could still bring intense rainfall and cause additional constraints.
- The overall response operation is being led by the Government of Philippines. No international assistance has been requested, but the UN, International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) and other actors have offered assistance.
- Overall coordination is being managed by the Office of Civil Defence (OCD). The department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is in charge of the response pillar and has activated a Government Logistics Response Cluster (OCD) and deployed coordinators to the affected regions.
- WFP, as global lead of the Logistics Cluster, is supporting the government where necessary based on requests and is coordinating and sharing information.

- Various maps showing the path of the typhoon, populations affected and known access constraints were presented and participants were advised that maps are available to be shared.
- The Government preparedness and response to the typhoon has been strong and information shared by the government regarding the emergency has been efficient and effective, and attendees were pointed towards useful Government information sources.

2. Logistics Update

- Potential logistics challenges due to the geography of the Philippines and high number of islands was highlighted and the situation continues to change rapidly.
- Two Logistics Cluster Situation Updates were shared this morning 8 December and organisations will be updated as new information is received.
- A high number of roads in the affected regions were closed but many have now been cleared by the Department of Public Works and Highways and the Armed Forces of Philippines.
- All previously closed airports have also reopened and it has been reported that Tacloban Airport is now open to commercial traffic. **PLEASE NOTE:** As of 9 December, operations at Tacloban Airport remain limited from 6am – 6pm to military and general aviation flights for relief operations only until 14 December. Commercial flights are limited to smaller aircraft (DH8D, AT72 and below).
- Attendees requested information on the status of airlines including Cebu Pacific flights into Tacloban. No information could be provided but once confirmed, information will be shared.
- Major bridges on main routes are reported to be functional. **PLEASE NOTE:** As of 9 December, the NDRRMC reports the Buenavista Bridge in Quezon is not passable.
- It was advised that ferries are still not operating but this could not be confirmed.
- The Philippines armed forces are responding to the emergency and two C130 aircraft have been positioned in Cebu to provide assistance for movement of Government relief aid.
- The international community has offered the Government of the Philippines logistics assets but there is no confirmation of acceptance. Should offers be accepted, it is reported that a coordination centre will be established at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.
- The ‘One Stop Shop’ has been established in Cebu Airport where representatives from authorities are present to clear cargo and streamline the customs procedures for organisations importing humanitarian relief cargo. It was advised that all cargo should be consigned to DSWD as per previous procedures. For information on the ‘One Stop Shop’, please see the following link: <http://customs.gov.ph/references/importing-relief-goods/>

- The government has dedicated Cebu Airport as the centre of the operation. Cebu is currently the main logistics hub for the government and the ‘One Stop Shop’, additional hubs in other regions could be established if required.
- It was reported that the government is positioning a naval vessel in Manila to support the transport of relief goods. Once loaded, it will depart and begin delivery of relief items to affected areas.
- The Philippines Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) has been updated. It contains baseline logistics data including transporters contacts details, information on airports, ports and other infrastructure. Please find it on the following link: <http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/DLCA/Philippines>

3. Roundtable

- A roundtable update was given and attendees shared information on organisations plans and logistics constraints.
- WFP confirmed that they have been giving bilateral transport service support to the Government of the Philippines including providing more than 20 trucks to support the transport and distribution of family packs.
- WFP have provided the government with over 600 pallets, Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and handling equipment in Manila, Cebu and other locations in the country including trucks currently on standby in Tacloban.
- The Logistics Emergency Team (LET) representative advised they were in discussions with the Logistics Cluster regarding donating their services in order to fill logistics gaps in the response.
- World Vision International (WVI) have needs assessment teams in affected regions and are awaiting initial results. They have been procuring Non Food Items (NFIs) in Manila which includes over 2000 shelter kits which have been locally procured. WVI are also looking at transportation options for delivery of their supplies currently stored in the UNHRDs in Dubai and Malaysia.
- ACTED and Samaritan’s Purse have needs assessment teams in affected regions and are awaiting initial results.
- ICRC currently has 28 trucks going from Mindanao to Leyte and Samar transporting food, water and medical kits for 5000 people. Distribution will be done from the trucks (any storage is planned). They have four assessment teams in the Sorsogon region.
- USAID/OFDA advised that they have an assessment team in the affected region. Initial results suggest roads are accessible and minor wind damage to infrastructure.
- Following initial assessments, USAID/OFDA do not expect to be providing large scale assistance to the response in terms of logistics assets, however, will make final decision after assessment and discussing

with the Government. As normal, if services are to be provided they would want a consolidated list of request.

- ACF have three assessment teams in the regions of South and North Samar and Masbate. Plans for the prepositioning of relief items in Manila and warehouses in Tacloban are being discussed.
- ACF advised that accessing Masbate to carry out assessments is challenging as flights are severely limited. Information was requested regarding the status of Philippines Airlines flights. The Logistics Cluster advised that they will confirm information and share it via the next Situation Update.
- Concerns were raised regarding the accessibility of affected areas including Northern Samar, which is reportedly taking in excess of 12 hours to reach from Tacloban.
- IMC have a presence in Lyete, Ormoc and Tacloban, where they have been actively working following Typhoon Yolanda. They are yet to access Samar but plan to focus on providing WASH, health and psychosocial support.
- IMC await results from an assessment team in West Lyete and an Emergency Response Team (ERT) working in Samar.
- UNICEF plan to carry out a joint WASH assessment in Eastern Samar tomorrow, 9 December but from initial assessment results, limited medical assistance is required. Access to certain areas remains a challenge however, and organisations should share travel information.
- UNICEF have four trucks positions in Ormoc ready to distribute WASH, health and education materials and replenish stocks in Tacloban. Informal requests for medical support have been received but DSWD remains the lead coordination point.
- DfID are considering activating a Rapid Response Fund which would include a logistics component. Needs for a rapid response team are being investigated.
- MSF France are present in Tacloban and plan to send assessment teams to affected areas in Northern and Eastern Samar to focus on medical needs.
- CARE have bases in Region Six and Region Eight and additional networks in other locations including Samar. Results of assessments currently being carried out will be shared once finalised. Teams in Bicol and Sorsogon are collecting information and assessing needs.
- ZOA/SYW, an NGO from the Netherlands has an assessment team north of Dolorus where destroyed houses have been reported.
- JICA have a needs assessment mission team which arrived on Sunday 7 December. Following results from assessments, JICA may require assistance in the transportation of relief items but quantities and locations are to be confirmed.

- UNFPA has prepositioned NFIs in Albay, Borongan and Tacloban. They have emergency kits ready but are awaiting requests from the government for assistance.
- FAO is undertaking assets in Region Six and Eight and already doing transportation following the Yolanda Response. Challenges finding local transportation companies and boat services to remote locations have been reported.
- Organisations were requested to share information on assessments results as soon as possible.

4. AoB

- Participants were advised, should they wish to utilise the services provided by UNHRD, contact should be made with UNHRD directly. The Logistics Cluster will share contact details.
- Organisations with teams currently undertaking assessments in affected regions were requested to share information once results were received.
- Organisations were requested to share information on areas that are hard to reach and any logistics issues or gaps that are experienced.
- Information on ports in the area of the east coast of Northern Samar was requested. No information is available but can be requested as part of an assessment.
- The situation regarding the conflict in the North of Samar was raised. It was reported that it would not interfere with any humanitarian assistance but limited information is available.

The next Logistics Coordination meeting will take place on Thursday 11 December at 14:00 in the WFP Conference Room, Manila.

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