
Meeting Minutes, 17 April 2019

Zimbabwe



LOCATION	Plan International – Mutare, Zimbabwe
DATE	17 April, 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Anglican Relief and Development in Zimbabwe on behalf of Christian Aid, Apostolic Women Empowerment Trust on behalf of Christian Aid, GOAL, Mercy Corps, Plan International, UNICEF, WFP
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners to share information on road conditions with the Logistics Cluster.• Logistics Cluster to re-share process for accessing air cargo transport services.• Logistics Cluster to email partners regarding creating a common suppliers list.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Access Constraints2. Air Operations3. AOB

1. Access Constraints

- Partners were provided with an update on road conditions in Chimanimani following a road assessment conducted by a WFP engineer. Partners were encouraged to exercise caution during wet weather as there have been numerous reports of vehicles becoming stuck on unpaved roads during rains, and were also encouraged to observe suggested vehicle weight limits.
- The access constraints map is currently being updated following the road assessment and will be made available on the dedicated [Logistics Cluster Zimbabwe webpage](#).
- The Logistics Cluster has been conducting a partner survey to determine which roads are being most regularly used and if there are any information gaps.
- Partners were encouraged to continue sharing information on road conditions with the Logistics Cluster.

2. Air Operations

- Helicopter operations will end on 28 April.
- Poor weather conditions have been impacting air operations with no flights able to be carried out on Friday and Saturday last week.

- As road conditions have deteriorated due to wet weather, the Logistics Cluster will accept requests to transport goods to destinations that had been previously been de-prioritised. Please review the [helicopter landing zones map](#) to see available locations.
- Partners were advised that if there are additional locations they would like to transport cargo to that are currently not on the map, then they need to identify a space approximately the size of a football field and provide GPS coordinates for this location. The Logistics Cluster will then conduct a flight to assess whether the location is suitable for landing.
- Partners were encouraged to utilise the helicopter for the transport of cargo or to conduct rapid assessment missions in areas that are still inaccessible by road. To date, no partners have expressed the need for the helicopter to conduct rapid assessment missions.
- The Logistics Cluster will re-share the process for accessing air cargo transport services with partners.

3. AOB

- Partners were encouraged to regularly check the [Logistics Cluster Zimbabwe webpage](#) for updates on road conditions and cluster activities.
- GOAL raised that they have had difficulty securing a sufficient number of 4x4 vehicles for their response. Partners shared suggestions for suppliers.
- A discussion was had regarding the need for a common suppliers list and partners agreed that this would be a useful tool. The Logistics Cluster will email all partners requesting supplier information and then compile this into a common list to be shared.
- Partners were encouraged to work together where possible to share logistics resources.

The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will be held Wednesday 24 April at 10:00 at Plan International.

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