Meeting Minutes, 24 May 2019
Zimbabwe

LOCATION
Plan International Boardroom – Mutare, Zimbabwe

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
1. Partners to share road access information with the Logistics Cluster.
2. Logistics Cluster to assess demand for common storage services in Mutare and or in Chimanimani for beyond 31 May 2019 under a Logistics Working Group, co-led by Government.
3. Logistics Cluster to circulate a logistics needs and training ‘expression of interest’ survey to partners for their input to the Logistics Cluster transition process.

AGENDA
1. Access Constraints
2. Common Services Update
3. Partner Updates
4. AOB

1. Access Constraints

- The road from Cashel to Chikukwa is accessible by 4x4, with difficulty.
- The Machongwe to Rusitu road is open for trucks up to 10mt. Accessibility via the Nyahode detour is to be confirmed.
- The Machongwe to Muchadziya road can be accessed by small trucks, with caution.
- The access constraints map has now been updated with this information and published on the Logistics Cluster website.
- WFP reported that it is currently identifying some feeder roads that may require some rehabilitation. Road rehabilitation suggestions can be shared with the WFP Mutare Engineer at bezel.garedondo@wfp.org

2. Common Services Update

- The Logistics Cluster has disseminated information on transport availability and prices for transport originating from Mutare, to partners to be used as a baseline for negotiating transport contracts.
- Partners are reminded that Common storage services offered by the Logistics Cluster at Mutare Aerodrome will end 31 May.
- Logistics Cluster activities will also be phasing out by end of June or early July. However, Zimbabwe is considering transitioning to a Logistics Working Group approach in collaboration with the National Government. The Logistics Cluster Coordinator will evaluate the feasibility of this approach for Zimbabwe and will discuss the possibility of offering training during this time.

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- Training topics could include but are not limited to humanitarian response mechanisms, preparedness and response, warehouse management and so forth. Further discussion with partners is planned, using a combination of dialogue and circulating a logistics training and needs assessment tool for partners to register their training expression of interest.
- Partners are reminded that the Lesson’s Learned survey that is being conducted by the Global Logistics Cluster is expected to take place end of May/early June. The overall focus will be to learn from the response and to better understand the main challenges affecting partners’ ability to deliver relief assistance to the affected population. To provide inputs or for enquiries, please contact Dorte Friss, the Lessons Learned focal point.

3. Partner Updates

- WVI has an 1800 sqm warehouse available for use at Nyakametse Industrial, in Mutare. There is space partitioned to accommodate CARE International and some room is available to other partners, at no cost. IOM and WHO expressed interest in using this space. Interested parties should contact langton_gwekwerere@wvi.org at WVI for more information.
- WHO has 3 trucks of medicinal drug consignments coming next week. They are requesting to extend the Logistics Cluster’s common storage services in Mutare.
- WHO expressed interest in receiving training for Logistics Cluster partners. They further suggested that a Logistics Cluster Coordination structure that has national representation that then cascades down to provinces and districts be put in place to strengthen communication and coordination among partners working in the cyclone affected areas.
- WHO reported that transport for Oral Cholera Vaccine (OCV) is now adequate, thanks to both government and non-government partner’s support in seconding their vehicles for the campaign.
- IRC indicated that they have warehouses in Chipinge and Chimanimani. However, primary warehouse space is needed in the second week of June for cement, WASH and other construction materials. The bill of quantities for the items to be stored will be available soon. They are kindly requesting to use a Logistics Cluster common storage facility in Mutare.
- IOM has 15 mt tarpaulins still in the MSU at the Aerodrome for shelter response. In addition, in the first week of June, they will be needing more space for incoming bulk goods, such as tents and blankets.
- GOAL is also requesting the Logistics Cluster’s support for the use of common storage in Mutare, for non-food items that will be required in the early recovery phase of the operation.
- PLAN International expressed that 900 m³ space in Mutare is needed in the coming two weeks for rehabilitation programmes.
- ARDEZ reported that they have land and space available for an MSU in Chipinge, opposite to PLAN Chipinge.

4. AOB

- Partners are encouraged to continue to actively use the WhatsApp group to share information or ask questions. WhatsApp numbers should be given to the Logistics Cluster Coordinator if a member is not yet on the group.
The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will be held at the PLAN International Boardroom on Friday 31 May at 10:00.

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