
Meeting Minutes, 30 September 2019

Bangladesh, Cox's Bazar



LOCATION	WFP Meeting Room, Cox's Bazar
DATE	30 September 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Sector
PARTICIPANTS	Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Concern Worldwide, Danish Refugee Council, Emergency Telecommunications Sector, Handicap International, IOM, Malteser International, Medair, Relief International, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Logistics Sector will conduct the 3rd sessions of the Cyclone Preparedness Drill and Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course. The invitation for nominations are open.• The Logistics Sector will draft and develop a guideline with standards and procedures for the monitoring of truck weights.• The Logistics Sector will develop a survey to assess needs, gaps and challenges to help plan gender mainstreaming initiatives.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Previous action points2. Logistics Sector updates3. Data situation updates (ETS)4. AOB

1. Previous action points

The following actions have been taken to follow up on action points from the Logistics Sector meeting on 2 September:

- The Logistics Sector conducted the Advanced Humanitarian Logistics Training on 4-5 September, with 35 participants in attendance from 23 organizations. The 3rd session of the MSU Erection training was conducted on 2 September at the UNHCR Uttaran warehouse.
- WHO conducted a Quality Assurance training on 9-11 September.
- The Logistics Sector will prepare a template which will reflect prepositioned stocks in camps.

2. Logistics Sector updates

Training

- The invitation for nominations has been opened for two upcoming trainings – Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course (English) to be conducted on 16 and 17 September and the Cyclone Preparedness Drill (Bangla) to be conducted on 14 September. Organisations may submit their nominations until 7 October 2019.
- Confirmation of participants and inquiries can be sent to Ashim Shrestha (ashim.shrestha@wfp.org)

Roads and road assessment

- Entry to the Kutupalong camp through the Foliopara road is closed for construction and is estimated to be closed for three months according to the LGED authorities. Alternate routes are accessible but with heavy traffic congestion.
- The Logistics Sector started the road assessment exercise and has covered ~50 km of roads and paths so far in the data collection stage. The final product from the assessment will be produced in three months. This will include the shapefile data and geospatial information to help partners with mapping and planning.

Truck weights

- A recent incident of an upturned truck in the camp area emphasises that overloaded trucks are still an issue to safety and traffic.
- A basic guideline outlining solutions and standards to avoid overloaded trucks will be developed by the Logistics Sector and presented for endorsement by the ISCG.

Vehicle windows

- Vehicles with tinted windows will not be allowed entry into camps. There may be possible fines incurred if a vehicle with tinted windows is stopped by authorities. The only exception is ambulances.
- For organizations with factory installed windows, they will need to reach out to the Army Coordination Cell to provide their own timeframe and organize a deadline for the replacement of the windows, which will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Gender

- The Logistics Sector is revising and updating the Gender Tip-sheets in coordination with the Gender Hub in order to better reflect the gaps and best practices needed to ensure a gender equal environment within the logistics operations in Cox's Bazar.
- The Sector will release a survey to assess the current situation to understand the specific needs and assess current gaps and challenges to help plan initiatives for gender mainstreaming.

3. Data Situation Updates – Emergency Telecommunications Sector (ETS)

- On 7 September, the Resident Coordinator's Office alerted the ISCG secretariat that the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has instructed all mobile network operators to restrict 3G/4G/LTE (except 2G) network 24/7 in the Rohingya camp areas in Ukhiya and Teknaf until further notice. This is having a direct impact on operations ranging from using chat groups between the teams on the ground, email exchange and mobile data-based applications.
- So far, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) are not affected by the above instructions.

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- ETS along with the actors on ground from key humanitarian agencies concluded that having a common and independent radio and data infrastructure, owned and operated by the United Nations is an urgent need as it is critical to communicate key information in emergency situations and to ensure staff safety and security.
 - The plan is to have 30 m self-standing towers erected in various locations such as CIC offices, distribution centres, common humanitarian space, ISCG hubs, key medical facilities and other locations deemed in need of data to be connected by the operational team on ground.

4. AOB

The next Logistics Sector Coordination Meeting will be held on Monday, 21 October 2019 at 11:00 in the WFP Meeting Room in Cox's Bazar.

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