LOCATION
Cox’s Bazar - Online

DATE
15 June 2020

CHAIR
Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS

• Partners interested in transporting cargo and/or storing relief items in the five logistics hubs are requested to fill out the Service Request Form (SRF) and send it at bangladesh.clustercargo@wfp.org.

• Supply Chain Coordinators in Dhaka to circulate the request for stock and pipeline information to partners involved in medical material and PPE procurement for Isolation and Treatment Centres (ITCs) later this week.

• Logistics Sector to share the links of the Self-assessment tool and Log IE platform with partners via email.

• Partners intending to use the (WHO) Supply Portal to order COVID-19 supplies, please share contact details with the COVID-19 Supply Chain Coordinators at cameron.kiss@wfp.org and ssrinivasan@unicef.org.

AGENDA
1. Logistics Sector Updates
2. (WHO) Supply Portal Updates
3. AOB

1. Logistics Sector Updates

• Ten Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and three prefabs have been set up in the Cox’s Bazar COVID-19 Special Hub.

• Two MSUs located in the Cox’s Bazar COVID-19 Special Hub are ready to receive relief items upon submission of a request by partners. Storage space is available in Madhu Chara, Balukhali, Teknaf and Uchiprang logistics hubs as well. Partners interested in transporting cargo and/or storing relief items in all five hubs are requested to fill out the Service Request Form and send it at bangladesh.clustercargo@wfp.org.

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- Two partner organisations including Food for the Hungry (FH) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) have expressed interest in storing relief items in the Cox’s Bazar COVID-19 Special Hub.
- The Logistics Sector loaned two MSUs to the army which are being used as Isolation Centres in Ramu Cantonment.
- The blog on Cyclone Preparedness activities in Cox’s Bazar led by the Logistics Sector has been published on the Logistics Sector Bangladesh Webpage.
- The Logistics Sector introduced local transport (i.e. sanitized trucks and tested drivers) managed by HI-Atlas. In cooperation with the law enforcement agencies, HI-Atlas was able to get close to 30 vehicles to the unloading point despite restrictions on movement. Partners can send transport and storage requests at bangladesh.clustercargo@wfp.org.

2. (WHO) Supply Portal Updates

- An online meeting on the Supply Portal was conducted from Dhaka and attended by twenty partners (from six UN agencies and twelve NGOs).
- Five Partners from Bangladesh were able to upload and validate portal requests by the closure of the first allocation on 9 June.
- Ten medical supplies’ requests were validated so far:
  - Three requests from SCI and IOM for Cox’s Bazar.
  - Six requests from six UN agencies including UNICEF, WHO and WFP on behalf of the government for the National Response Plan.
  - One request from the World Food Programme (WFP) in support of the organisation’s staff welfare.
- The next stage in the process is for the Control Tower to allocate the available materials before the delegated procurement agency contacts the requesting partner to finalise a procurement agreement. This is expected to take place in the coming days.
- For the second allocation, partners were requested to have their upcoming requests uploaded by 17th June, Wednesday.
- The Supply Chain Coordinator provided a brief update and visual on the flow of goods through the (WHO) Supply Portal and on the delivery of items through the WFP Emergency Service Marketplace.
- Partners where reminded that the requesting partner/consignee is responsible for customs clearance, in-country transport and storage.
- According to the Supply Chain Coordinator, expected lead time for the arrival of items ordered through the portal is approximately five weeks from the day a purchase order has been confirmed.
- There is an urgent need from stakeholders and sectors at all levels to understand the overall medical equipment and PPE supply situation for Cox’s Bazar. To obtain an overview of the current existing gap, the Supply Chain Coordinators will be conducting an interagency stock and pipeline tracking exercise. The purpose of the activity is to compare the PPE and medical material existing and incoming stocks with the initial WHO specified overall needs, to support informed agency planning.

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- For any queries, please contact Cameron Kiss in his capacity as Inter-Agency COVID-19 response Supply Chain Coordinator at cameron.kiss@wfp.org.

3. AOB

- Agencies (mostly NGOs and INGOs) are facing issues to commute within Cox’s Bazar city; only vehicles that have District Commissioner’s (DC) approval are allowed to access the red zone within the city. To obtain these approvals, organisations were suggested to write to the DC via email or through an official letter.
- An update was provided on the WFP plan to implement humanitarian flights from Dhaka to Kuala Lumpur. This plan will be implemented only if commercial flights are not functioning. WFP is awaiting approval from the government.

The next Logistics Sector Coordination meeting will be held on Monday 29th June 2020 at 11:00 in the WFP Meeting Room, Cox’s Bazar for focal points and presenters, and online through Microsoft teams invite.

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