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ACTION POINTS

• Partners are requested to complete the End of the Year Satisfaction Survey.
• Partners are requested to provide ideas/topic for ongoing Logistic Sector Coordination meeting discussions/Cold Chain trainings by filling out the survey sent by the Logistics Sector.
• The Logistics Sector to share the survey circulated by HI-Atlas.

AGENDA

1. Logistics Sector Updates
2. Logistics Sector Training Update
3. GIS and data ideas for 2021
4. AOB

1. Logistics Sector Updates

• The Logistics Sector will close the Cox’s Bazar COVID-19 Special Hub along with the temperature-controlled storage located at Sea Palace by the end of February 2021. The hub will not accept any additional Service Request Forms (SRF) for storage in the Cox’s Bazar hub and partners are requested to plan for the release of the items that are currently stored in the hub. The Logistics Sector updated partners on the capacity of four other Logistics Sector warehouses around the camps. Partners are welcome to use them for storage and reach out to the Logistics Sector for information.
• Transport services will come to an end towards the end of February, as local transportation markets in Cox’s Bazar, Ukhiya and Teknaf have recovered and there is no gap in the market. The Logistics Sector has extended transport services back in November for four months to provide enough time to partners to plan their transition. Partners were requested to reach out to the Logistics Sector on market-related support information and capacity building trainings.
• HI-Atlas mentioned that a survey on the closure of services has been shared and partners are requested to provide feedbacks. HI-Atlas is now looking for funding to maintain transport services beyond February 2021.
• A representative from HEKS-EPER will reach out to the Logistics Sector to further discuss the impact of the closure of transport services and the support needed from the Logistics Sector.

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- In 2020, the Logistics Sector, in partnership with HI-Atlas, facilitated the transport of 42,143 m³ (12,677 mt) of relief items on behalf of 25 organisations, including UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs. 4,154 trucks were used.
- Please contact s.ul-karin@hi.org, s.rahman@hi.org and Bangladesh.clustercargo@wfp.org for transportation and storage services.

2. Logistics Sector Training Update

- The Logistics Sector is currently working with IOM to develop a training for partners on medical logistics, with a focus on stock pharmacy management, pharmacy operation, pharmacy management tools, expired drugs and short expiry items management, pest control and quantification. Once the training package will be completed, the Logistics Sector will share additional information on the timeline and the application process with partners.
- The warehouse and inventory management training will be conducted in English on 26 January 2021. Deadline for nominations is 22 January. To express your interest please contact: ashim.shrestha@wfp.orgpaul.karmoker@wfp.org and uttam.das@wfp.org.
- HI-Atlas provided an updated schedule of trainings until April 2021, including fleet management, stock management and drivers’ training.

3. GIS and Data

- In 2021, the Logistics Sector is updating the road, warehouse capacity and traffic count assessments.
- In 2021, the Logistics Sector will focus on container location and contingency stocks.
- In 2021, the Logistics Sector will relaunch the physical access constraint mapping exercise.

3. AOB

- UNICEF and WHO will update the Logistics Sector partners on the cold chain of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Partners have been requested to fill out the Logistics Sector survey on information gaps and training needs.

The next Logistics Sector Coordination meeting will be held in person on Monday 15 February 2021 at 11:00 AM.

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