
Medical Logistics Meeting Minutes, 6 May 2019

Bangladesh



LOCATION	WFP meeting room, Cox's Bazar
DATE	6 May 2019
CHAIR	Logistics Sector, UNFPA, WHO.
PARTICIPANTS	Action Against Hunger, Hope Foundation, Japan Red Cross Society, Malaysian Field Hospital, Malteser International, Medair, MSF-OCB, MSF-OCP, Relief International, Save the Children, UNFPA, WHO.
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The preparation of the summary guidelines on quantification methods (morbidity and consumption) is in progress, and the Logistics Sector will share them with partners in the coming weeks.• Partners to demonstrate interest for the QUANTIMED Training to WHO and to the Logistics Sector.• The Logistics Sector to share the format for the facility data collection form with the partners for them to get the dataset for their health facilities.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Previous Action Points2. WHO Updates3. Temperature-Controlled Warehouse Capacity Assessment4. Preparedness

1. Previous Action Points

- The preparation of the summary of guidelines on quantification methods (morbidity and consumption) is in progress and the Logistics Sector will share them with the partners upon completion.
- WHO organises trucks for drug disposal with the Prism Foundation. Partners can reach out to WHO to share trucks for the disposal of their waste. Payments need to be made to Prism before the delivery of the waste to Dhaka.
- The Logistics Sector has not yet received expressions of interest for the QUANTIMED training. Partners can still reach out to the Logistics Sector or WHO to submit their interest.
- The Logistics Sector will follow up with UNICEF regarding the list of the 11 locally approved medicines.
- Partners have been asked to share their medicine quality assessments.

2. WHO Updates

- The meeting with the Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) is still pending due to staff availability. It will be scheduled shortly.
- WHO has requested the partners to inform them of their expired drugs disposal requests and to share their surplus stocks in advance for utilisation. Partners were reminded that IFRC also provides the option of incineration in Cox's Bazar, however they do not provide a certificate.
- WHO recommended that organisations requiring the use of trauma packs have their medical teams attend the Mobile Medical Team Mass casualty Training and Simulations. The guidelines for the trauma pack and kit use will be shared by WHO.

3. Temperature-Controlled Warehouse Capacity Assessment

- To understand the temperature-controlled storage needs and gaps in the Cox's Bazar area, organisations were requested to contribute input by filling a capacity assessment survey. 15 organisations responded to the survey and a summary of the results and findings has been shared with the partners by the Logistics Sector.
- Most organisations offer storage capacities at room temperature (16 °C to 25 °C), and few organisations offer other temperature ranges.
- The reliability of the power source has been identified as a gap. Several organisations reported using single source systems. The lack of consistency in some organisations' power structure is considered a risk.
- Organisations connected only to the main grid are recommended to bilaterally contact the Logistics Sector to explore the possibility of getting a generator on loan. A few organisations utilise solar panels as a power source and WHO also provides solar panels to several facilities.
- Organisations reported the lack of thermometers and other monitoring tools in their storage facilities. It is necessary to implement monitoring tools, as such organisations are advised to contact the Logistics Sector for support.
- Funding and the lack of technical capacity also constitute major gaps.
- To improve technical capacity, partners suggested that training should be required, focusing on medical warehouse management and targeted on entry-level staff. Partners agreed that the training preparation should be the main topic for the next coordination meeting.
- It has been reported that some transporters did not comply with proper cold chain practices during the transport of medicine and other temperature sensitive supplies. This needs to be further explored in the capacity assessment.
- The Logistics Sector and WHO provided updates on their ongoing plans to expand temperature-controlled storage facilities.
- The specifications of locally adapted containers for temperature control has been shared to support organisations in their procurement process.

4. Preparedness

Cyclone Preparedness and Contingency Planning

- The Logistics Sector presented an overview of its emergency contingency plan, outlining the tasks and activities to be done pre and post-72 hours of a cyclone, along with its cyclone/monsoon response plan. The plans have been shared with the partners following the last general coordination meeting.
- WHO shared information on the availability of its temperature-controlled containers which would be accessible in the event of an emergency. The containers would also contain emergency health and trauma kits.
- The Logistics Sector used the general logistics preparedness plan to suggest areas of focus for health organisations, particularly in regard to ensuring business continuity and availability of core equipment.
- WHO shared the information on the availability of the IEHK kits and the mapped locations of the Health Sector's emergency prepositioned stock for the Cox's Bazar district.
- WHO is planning to carry out a general waste management assessment to support contingency planning regarding waste disposal after a cyclone.
- WHO has medical tents in its contingency stock, which can be used as temporary hospitals in case of an emergency.

The next Medical Logistics meeting will be held on Monday, 3 June 2019 at 11:00 in the WFP meeting room in Cox's Bazar.

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