
Health Logistics Inter-Sector Coordination Meeting Minutes, 26 August 2019

Bangladesh, Cox's Bazar



LOCATION	WFP Meeting Room, Cox's Bazar
DATE	26 August 2019
CHAIR	Health Sector, Logistics Sector
PARTICIPANTS	Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS), HOPE, IOM, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHH, WHO, World Vision
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Sector and Logistics Sector to bilaterally seek partner endorsement of third-party quality assessment in Cox's Bazar• Logistics Sector to share invitation to WHO quality assurance training• Logistics Sector to share the form for bed net inventory mapping, as part of dengue preparedness activities• Information on UNFPA health kits information to be circulated amongst health partners• UNICEF to share the results of pharmaceutical manufacturers
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Previous action points2. Meeting Updates3. Storage Updates4. WHO Quality Assessment Training5. Quality Assessments Joint Initiatives/QUAMED6. WHO inventory management updates7. Dengue preparedness activities8. AOB

1. Previous action points

- Partners who are interested in providing expertise and support to co-facilitate a training workshop on Medical Logistics should submit their nomination to the Logistics Sector. The training date is still to be confirmed.
- Partners were again encouraged to provide their list of wholesalers for essential drugs and medicines to help facilitate the QUAMED quality assessments.
- The Logistics Sector requested partners to advise on the procurement of a monitoring tool, which measures temperature/humidity. The tool is equipped with a data logger.
- UNFPA to share information on their ambulances, as they are facilitating solutions for partner organisations.

2. Meeting Updates

- A six-months review on the Health Logistics Inter-Sector Coordination group indicated the need to continue meetings on a regular basis.
- Moving forward, the group is to be co-chaired by the Health Sector and Logistics Sector with support from relevant stakeholders.
- The meeting has now been renamed the **Health Logistics Inter-Sector Coordination Meeting**.
- It was agreed by the meeting participants that the meeting should continue to be held on a monthly basis.
- Health-related topics that require technical guidance or endorsement from the wider health community can be raised for discussion at Health Sector Coordination Meetings.

3. Storage Updates

- Final preparations (e.g. installation of shelves) are underway for the six temperature-controlled storage containers, and they are expected to be ready to receive cargo by Thursday 29 August.
- Containers have undergone testing for temperature control. Results show temperatures remain stable between 18°C and 23°C. Humidity levels are also within an accepted threshold.
- The containers will operate as common storage for the initial six months (until March 2020). After 2020, the service will be revised based on needs. Partners interested in utilising the service should submit a Service Request Form (SRF) to bangladesh.clustercargo@wfp.org. Cargo movements (e.g. dispatches) will solely be done based on handling units as per the SRF categorisation.
- When submitting the SRF, partners are asked to mark 'Yes' in the cold chain section under the Special Request category. Partners should also indicate cargo expiry date(s) in the description for the temperature-controlled storage.

4. WHO Quality Assessment Training

- Upon requests from the health logistics forum, WHO will facilitate a medicines quality assessment training 9-11 September. The training has been developed for logisticians and pharmacists. The Logistics Sector will circulate invitations to partners via the mailing list.
- A tentative agenda for the training was presented at the meeting. Participants noted that the training should include information on cold chain transportation (from point of suppliers to the distribution side), as well as quality assurance, WHO prequalification method, procurement, storage and packaging.
- Partners also suggested running a Training of Trainers session on quality assurance for participants so that they can train their organisations.

5. Quality assessments joint initiatives/QUAMED

- Following a meeting in July between medical logisticians and pharmacists, 39 medicines from the *WHO essential medicine lists* were shortlisted as a baseline for supplier identification for third-party quality assessments. In addition, 32 medicines used predominantly for the treatment of chronic diseases, have also been suggested for supplier identification. This list is intended to support critical local procurement decision-making and is not an assessment of the importance of the medicine itself.
- Partners have stressed that in the absence of a prequalification process of medicine a joint effort on market assessments should continue. Partners have been asked to share their list of medical manufacturers, distributors and retailers with the Logistics Sector. The compiled list will then be given to QUAMED for assessments.
- The Health Sector will also seek endorsement from relevant authorities to continue studies on the quality assessment initiative.
- The Health Sector and Logistics Sector will bilaterally seek partner endorsement of third-party quality assessment in Cox's Bazar.
- Further discussion is required in order to align partner strategies and advocate for cost-sharing mechanisms for the third-party assessment.

6. WHO Inventory Management Updates

- WHO informed participants that they are phasing out bulk ordering of medical supplies; organisations are asked to raise their needs directly for case-by-case assessments.
- WHO will finalise a physical count exercise; results will be shared with the partners (tentatively in October).
- UNICEF and UNFPA will also provide their current stock levels.

7. Dengue preparedness activities

- In support of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) and Health Sector dengue preparedness activities, a stock mapping exercise of bed net availability will be undertaken by the Logistics Sector. Partners are encouraged to complete an inventory mapping survey for bed nets in stock and/or planned pipeline by 3 September. The form is available [here](#).

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8. AOB

- The Logistics Sector will share a list of UNHCR surplus medical supplies via the mailing list. These supplies are being made available to health organisations on a donation basis.
- Information on UNFPA health kits information will be circulated amongst health partners.
- UNICEF will share a list of pharmaceutical manufacturers with the health partners.

The next meeting will be held 23 September at 11:00 in the WFP Meeting Room, Cox's Bazar.

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