

LOCATION: WFP Office, Cox's Bazar

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CHAIR: Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS: ACTED, Action Against Hunger, Danish Refugee Council, Finnish Red Cross, IFRC, IOM, Oxfam, Samaritan's Purse, Save the Children, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP

ACTION POINTS:

- The Logistics Sector to submit the ISCG civ-mil concept note with organisations' input.
- The Logistics Sector to invite the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society to present on cyclone preparedness during the next meeting.
- The Logistics Sector to assess the possibility of extending the 30-day limit for storage service.

AGENDA:

1. Previous action points
2. Logistics Sector update
3. Cyclone preparedness plans
4. AOB

1. PREVIOUS ACTION POINTS

- The latest update on the status of Port of Chittagong has been shared with organisations. If organisations need further information, they can contact the Logistics Sector (jose.paulin@wfp.org).
- There are ongoing bilateral meetings between the Logistics Sector and organisations on their current and foreseen challenges for the rest of the year and the start of 2019. Organisations are invited to approach the Logistics Sector team if they have not held a meeting yet.
- As agreed during the last meeting, the Logistics Sector had a meeting with the Health Sector and is currently assessing the viability of logistics support for health cargo.

2. LOGISTICS SECTOR UPDATE

Access

- Until further notice, the Bailey bridge on Fish Road between Camp 1W and Camp 3 is only accessible for tomtoms and pedestrians.

Storage

- From 24 September, no more storage requests will be received for the logistics hub in Ukhiya. Storage space is still available in Madhu Chara and Teknaf hubs.
- Two organisations have raised the concern that 30-day storage is not long enough for the context of this operation, considering the times of procurement and distribution, and the need for contingency planning for monsoon and cyclone seasons. The Logistics Sector will evaluate the possibility of extending the limit.
- One organisation raised their need for open storage and fabrication area (2,000 m² in total) in the Cox's Bazar area. The Logistics Sector will have a bilateral meeting to discuss possible support.
- The hub in Leda, Teknaf, operated by Handicap International, has two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and two containers available for common storage. The hub is easily accessible from the Ukhiya-Teknaf Highway and can be utilised by following the Storage Standard Operating Procedures ([SOPs](#)).

JRP mid-term review

- The JRP mid-term review has been submitted to the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG). The three Logistics Sector activities - coordination, information management and facilitating access to storage services - will continue for the rest of the year.

ISCG civ-mil concept note

- The ISCG is working on a concept note detailing the areas of collaboration between the humanitarian community and the military. Along with the input provided from organisations present in the meeting, the following points will be submitted in the document as possible areas of support by the military:
 - Road construction and maintenance within and around the camps.
 - Keeping truck weight limits to protect roads from damage whilst remaining flexible (e.g. access for the movement of larger trucks considered in exceptional cases).
 - Information sharing on road access.

3. CYCLONE PREPAREDNESS PLANS

- Organisations are currently working on their cyclone preparedness and contingency plans. The following concerns were raised in this area:
 - Uncertainty on the impact of a cyclone on operations considering the significant difference in the humanitarian context between this and previous cyclone seasons.
 - Transport of emergency materials and availability of suppliers immediately post-cyclone.
 - Safe storage for high-value materials during the cyclone.
 - The availability of trained personnel for distributions, in the case that prepositioning inside camps would take place.

4. AOB

- Based on a request by an organisation, the Logistics Sector will look at the possibility of including the major pathways used for distribution when there is no vehicle access within mapping products.
- Considering the expertise of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society in cyclone preparedness, the Logistics Sector will invite them to present during the next coordination meeting.

The next meeting will be held Monday, 8 October 2018 at 11:00 in the WFP Meeting Room in Cox's Bazar.

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