Meeting Minutes, 27 January 2020
Bangladesh, Cox’s Bazar

LOCATION
WFP Meeting Room, Cox’s Bazar

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CHAIR
Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
• The Logistics Sector to share dates for the planned medical logistics and cold chain management training.
• Logistics Sector to contact relevant partners requesting information contributions to common logistics constraints and gap analysis.
• The Logistics Sector to explore the possibility of stronger engagement with local market commercial cold storage companies.
• Partners interested in combining medical stocks for disposal can contact Phil Lindell Detweiler at lm-bgd@medair.org
• The Logistics Sector to contact the WFP engineering team to seek advice regarding approvals for constructing facilities inside the camp.
• Partners to increase efforts to bring local partners’ logistics staff to logistics sector coordination meetings.

AGENDA
1. Logistics Sector Updates:
   o Road Assessment and Access
   o Truck Weight Guide
   o Training Updates
   o Planning for 2020 - Concept of Operations: survey results and common gap and constraint analysis
2. ATLAS Logistics presentation
3. AOB

1. Logistics Sector Updates

Road Assessment and Access
• The Logistics sector road assessment exercise has mapped an additional 28 km of roads in the camps, bringing the total number of kilometres assessed to 154 km. This data will eventually be integrated into the development of expanded mapping tools.
• The Physical Road Access Constraints (PRAC) map trial over the previous months has been generally successful. The PRAC will be integrated into a new Log IE application. The Log IE is a comprehensive

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logistics information and mapping tool allowing multiple functions, from live road access constraints to preparation of maps containing any type of data the user may require for logistics planning purposes. The Log IE will be presented in more detail at the next meeting.

**Truck Weight Guide**
- The Logistics Sector guide for limiting the truck size and cargo weights in the camps has been finalised and endorsed by the Head of Sub Office Group. The document has been shared with the government and military who intend to strengthen oversight of the cargo restrictions. The purpose of the initiative is to reduce accidents and decrease the deterioration of roads.

**Training Updates**
- Logistics Sector completed three trainings in January 2020 where 31 participants from 11 organisations were trained. The three trainings were:
  - MSU Erection Training
  - Cyclone Warehouse Preparedness Drill
  - Basic Humanitarian Logistics Training
- A medical logistics and cold chain management training are in the late stages of planning, in coordination with WHO and IOM. Dates and invitations will be shared in the coming weeks.

**Planning for 2020 - Concept of Operations: survey results and common gap and constraint analysis**
- The Logistics Sector presented the results for the 2019 user feedback and satisfaction survey. The feedback is an important aspect of the planning process.
- A common logistics gap and constraint analysis will be conducted over the coming month, through analysis of available logistics operation data and information shared by partners.
- The survey results, constraints analysis, and evaluation of current activities and bilateral partner meetings will contribute to the Logistics Sector strategic activity planning, and review of the Concept of Operations for 2020. The current Concept of Operations can be found [here](https://logcluster.org/sector/bangl17).
- Some initial comments raised in the forum concerning common logistics gaps and constraints in comparison to one year prior were:
  - Road conditions within the camps have improved and expanded, though may likely deteriorate easily in the monsoon season. Traffic congestion has eased considerably within the camps, though continues to be a constraint on some major approach roads eg: Marine road.
  - Commercial storage options have increased in Cox’s Bazar town, and close to the camps. Storage within the camps remains a constraint.
  - Cold storage options remain limited in and out of the camps.
  - Generally, logistics emergency preparedness measures amongst the partners have increased.
2. ATLAS Logistics Presentation

- Atlas Logistique presented a summary of their available common services and the procedures required to access these services: transport for all Cox's district area (Cox's Bazar to Teknaf), and storage in Leda and Uchiprang. The services are targeted at NGOs with the greatest needs (financially and in terms of capacity).
- Atlas Logistique encouraged partners to ask for the support and advice needed for the successful completion of their activities.
- Leda platform will continue until June 2019 while Unchiprang platform and transport services are funded until mid-March. ATLAS is seeking funding to maintain these services, though are expecting a gradual reduction later in the year, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to identify funding sources for purely logistics activities.

3. AOB

- Discussion took place on the disposal of expired medicines through a commercial company recommended by WHO. Further details and the company contact can be obtained by contacting Voitek Asztabski at asztabskiw@who.int
- World Concern expressed that it may be cost-effective for smaller partners to work together and combine their expired medicine stock for disposal. Partners interested in combining medical stocks for disposal can contact Phil Lindell Detweiler at lm-bgd@medair.org
- Partners proposed to have stronger engagement with relevant local NGOs. It was agreed that partners will invite their local counterparts to the next Logistics Sector meeting.

The next Logistics Sector Coordination meeting will be held on Monday, 17 February 2020 at 11:00 in the WFP Meeting Room, Cox's Bazar

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