

LOCATION: WFP Office, Cox's Bazar

DATE: 5 November 2018

CHAIR: Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS: Action Contre Faim, Concern Worldwide, DanChurch Aid, Finnish Red Cross, Food for the Hungry/Medical Teams International, Hope Field Hospital, IFRC, MSF – France, Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam, Plan International, Research Training and Management International, Samaritan's Purse, Save the Children, Terres des Hommes, UNHCR, Unicef, WFP, WHO

ACTION POINTS:

- The Logistics Sector will contact the organisations that have been assigned 20' containers that will be located at the Madhu Chara Logistics & Engineering Hub.
- The Logistics Sector will send out a link to be used by humanitarian organisations to provide information on Warehousing within Cox's Bazar as part of the Logistics Sector Warehouse Capacity Assessment.
- The Logistics Sector will follow up with the NGO Platform representatives regarding issues raised regarding the cargo checks required by NGOs prior to distribution.
- Humanitarian organisations will provide vendor lists for consolidation and distribution amongst the humanitarian logistics community.

AGENDA:

1. Previous action points
2. Logistics Sector update
 - a. 2019 JRP Discussion
 - b. Warehouse Capacity Assessment
 - c. Physical Road Access Updates
3. Emergency Telecommunications Sector Update
4. AOB

1. PREVIOUS ACTION POINTS

- The Logistics Sector has collected all the requests from organisations for use of the 20' containers that will be placed at the Logistics & Engineering Hub in Madhu Chara. Organisations attending the meeting agreed on the prioritization of organisations requesting based on a) if the need for the containers could be replaced by use of Logistics Sector common storage services and b) the individual logistics capacity of the requesting organization.

2. LOGISTICS SECTOR UPDATE

2019 JRP Discussion

- The Logistics Sector shared the submission to the 2019 JRP with meeting participants.
- Meeting participants agreed that the strategy presented aligned with the feedback from the logistics community that had been included in the 2019 JRP submission.

Warehouse Capacity Assessment

- After consultation with the humanitarian logistics community in Cox's Bazar, Logistics Sector common storage services have been extended from 30 days to 90 days.
 - Organisations which currently have had cargo stored at the Madhu Chara Logistics & Engineering Hub for longer than the 90 days will be contacted to remove their cargo from the logistics hub.

- A Warehouse Capacity Assessment will be conducted in the following week per consensus with meeting participants and the survey will be sent out to the Logistics Sector mailing list.

Physical Road Access Constraints

- Meeting participants were asked to propose field-level solutions to rapidly update the Physical Road Access Constraint map at the next Logistics Sector Coordination meeting. Proposed solutions will be tested over the coming months to ensure a robust platform for the following cyclone and monsoon seasons.
- Meeting participants raised the issue of a travel time/travel constraints map for Cox's Bazar district.

Suppliers Lists

- The Logistics Sector proposed collecting and consolidating vendor and suppliers lists after many organisations expressed difficulty in identifying and contracting local suppliers.
 - Logistics Sector members agreed to send their current suppliers lists to Alexandra.parisien@wfp.org to be consolidated and shared with the Logistics Sector mailing list.

3. EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR UPDATE

- The Emergency Telecommunications Sector Coordinator provided an update on the current status of many of the concerns that partners had regarding communications within Bangladesh and Cox's Bazar. For follow up information refer to Min Sun: min.sun@wfp.org

4. AOB

- Meeting participants highlighted that an ongoing constraint to their activities was the need to bring all their trucks carrying humanitarian cargo to Cox's Bazar for checks by the DC Office.
 - The Logistics Sector will follow up with NGO Platform to advocate on behalf of the humanitarian logistics community.
- The Logistics Sector presented its plans to conduct an assessment mission to Chittagong to assess the Chittagong Port, Warehousing facilities and local suppliers.

The next meeting will be held Monday, 19 November 2018 at 11:00 in the WFP Meeting Room in Cox's Bazar.

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