

## Background

In 2019, the Logistics Sector continues to work with partners to address common logistics gaps and challenges in Cox's Bazar, to ensure efficient humanitarian responses. The Rohingya response strategy maintains focus on strengthening collaboration amongst partners, facilitating access to common logistics services, synchronizing logistics decisions, producing and sharing key information and enabling partner's logistics operations. With the upcoming Cyclone season, the Logistics Sector has been focusing its efforts on planning and enforcing capacity-strengthening and preparedness activities. Moreover, to ensure partner's effective decision making, the Logistics Sector provides technical logistics advice to organisations facing supply chain challenges, as they plan to reach the 1.2 million people in need of assistance in Cox's Bazar.



**Above:** BHLC participants after the training completion at the Madhu Chara hub.

**Left:** Discussing preparedness measures at the Preparedness platform workshop.

## Highlights

- In March, more than 3,299 m<sup>3</sup> of relief items were stored in the logistics hubs of Madhu Chara, Balukhali and Teknaf in the Cox's Bazar district. Family hygiene kits, plastic mats, gas stoves and lentils were stored on behalf of ten organisations.
- The Logistics Sector storage hub at Balukhali is now operational and is expected to become fully available to partners by April 2019, providing them access to three Mobile Storage Units (MSUs).
- 15 participants from 12 organisations participated in a workshop on the Preparedness Platform conducted by the Global Logistics Cluster in Cox's Bazar on 13-14 March 2019. The Preparedness Platform, is an innovative digital information and data collection tool aimed at addressing information gaps on physical road access constraints and at filling this gap through rapid, validated, real time data. The Platform is expected to be live from mid-April.
- On 20-21 March, the Logistics Sector held the second session of the Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course (BHLC) session at Madhu Chara Logistics and Engineering Hub. 14 participants from 14 different organizations attended, including NNGOs, INGOs and UN Agencies.
- The Logistics Sector consolidated guidelines on fuel storage and vehicle licence requirements, and on the process for the electric connection to the main grid and shared them with the partners.

- In order to assess the traffic flow within the camps, the second round of the vehicles count exercise will be conducted throughout the year with the support of enumerators.

## Coordination & Information Management

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- The Logistics Sector conducted two sector coordination meetings with partners, and one medical logistics meeting, with the participation from 31 organisations, including NNGOs, INGOs and UN agencies.
- A total of four information management products were published and released on the Logistics Sector website in March.

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