Operation Overview, May 2020
Bangladesh - Rohingya Response

Highlights

- In May, **855 m³ of relief items** were received into common storage on behalf of **5 organisations** making it a total of **4,096 m³ of relief items** stored on behalf of **17 organisations** in Madhu Chara, Balukhali, Unchiprang and Teknaf logistics hubs in Cox’s Bazar district.

- HI/Atlas Logistique started the storage services in Unchiprang and transportation service in Cox’s Bazar district under the Logistics Sector. In May, **612 m³ (74 mt)** relief items were transported for five organisations.

- The Logistics Sector has adapted its **Concept of Operations (ConOps)** to the specific needs of the humanitarian community. The **ConOps Map** and **Standard Operating Procedures for COVID-19 related Storage and Transport services** have been published on the Logistics Sector Bangladesh webpage.

- The Logistics Sector received a shipment of COVID-19 response cargo including 40 accommodation units, 10 generators and 5 ablution units at the Madhuchara Logistics hub that were flown into Chittagong airport from UNHRD Kuala Lumpur on behalf of WFP, UNHCR and IOM.

- A total of 170 litres of hand sanitiser was distributed to **two organisations** to facilitate office hygiene and staff wellbeing in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

- The Logistics Sector loaned one generator to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to support the Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) Isolation Treatment Centre in Camp Shamlapur.

- To contain the effects of Cyclone Amphan and minimise losses, the Logistics Sector partially activated the 72 hours Cyclone Preparedness Plan. As part of the plan, cargo stored inside the Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) were wrapped with tarpaulin, ropes & cement blocks and anchored to be protected against landfall. In addition to that, MSUs/Prefabs were secured with concrete blocks from four sides and drainage was cleared from the warehouses.

- Six MSUs have been erected in the Cox’s Bazar COVID-19 special hub. The Logistics Sector has received a request from UNICEF for the storage of 400 boxes of medicine totalling a volume of 100 m³ at the special hub.

- In support of the Government of Bangladesh, the Logistics Sector has prepared and shared a guidance document illustrating how physical distance can be achieved in vehicles. The information provided in the document reflects measures recommended by the Government Of Bangladesh (GoB) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to minimise the risk of coronavirus transmission.
Background

In 2020, the Logistics Sector continues to work with partners to address common logistics gaps and challenges in Cox’s Bazar and ensure an efficient humanitarian response. The Rohingya Response Strategy maintains focus on strengthening collaboration amongst international and national partners, synchronising logistics decisions, producing and sharing key information, and facilitating access to common logistics services to support partners’ logistics operations.

In the lead-up to the monsoon and ensuing cyclone seasons, the Logistics Sector is focusing efforts on planning and reinforcing partner capacities and preparedness. In addition, since mid-March, the Logistics Sector focused on planning, preparedness and on obtaining health materials in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Previous sector activities that do not support WASH, Health or food distribution have been reduced to a bare minimum in line with current humanitarian priorities. To support effective decision making, the Logistics Sector provides technical logistics advice and access to facilities for organisations facing supply chain challenges.

Coordination & information management

- The Logistics Sector conducted one Logistics Sector Coordination Meeting in May attended by 26 organisations including national NGOs, INGOs, and UN agencies. Seven information management products were published on the Logistics Sector website in May.
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Arrival of COVID-19 response cargo from UNHRD Kuala Lumpur at the Chittagong Airport

https://logcluster.org/sector/bangl17
Logistics Services

- In May, 855³ (647 mt) of relief items were received into common storage on behalf of 5 organisations making it a total of 4,096 m³ stored on behalf of 17 organisations in Madhu Chara, Balukhali, Unchiprang and Teknaf logistics hubs in the Cox’s Bazar district. Items stored included mattress, treatment tables, metal drums and buckets.
- Between October 2017 and May 2020, the Logistics Sector received a total of 41,815 m³ (13,702 mt) of relief items for storage on behalf of 36 organisations.

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