Operation Overview, June 2020
Bangladesh - Rohingya Response

Highlights

- In June, **655 m³ of relief items** were received into common storage on behalf of **seven organisations** making it a total of **4260 m³ of relief items** stored on behalf of **19 organisations** in Madhu Chara, Balukhali, Unchiprang, Teknaf and COVID-19 Special Hub in Cox’s Bazar district.
- The Cox’s Bazar COVID-19 Special Hub comprising five MSUs with an area of **1280 m²** and temperature-controlled storage with an area of **370 m²**, is now open for all humanitarian agencies. It has been handed over to Handicap International-Atlas Logistique. The hub received four consignments including oxygen and PPE items (gowns and surgical masks) from three partners including Food for the Hungry (FH), World Food Programme (WFP) and Humanity & Inclusion (HI).
- The Logistics Sector in partnership with HI-Atlas transported **2118 m³ (1131 mt)** of **relief items** for **12 organisations** including **UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs**, where **308 trucks** were used.
- A total of **three blog posts** were published on the Logistics Sector Bangladesh webpage including **Cyclone Preparedness, Humanitarian Access Project** and **Sector Coordinator’s experience**.
- The second sea shipment for interagency COVID-19-related cargo was received at Madhu Chara Logistics Hub from Kuala Lumpur. Beside the Logistics Sector, cargo recipients include WFP and IOM.
- Ten data logger were loaned out to UNICEF, and two sets of MSUs which are being used as Isolation Centres in Ramu Cantonment were loaned out to the Army.
- A total of 80 litres of hand sanitiser was distributed to two organisations to facilitate office hygiene and staff wellbeing.

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. Also, 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 three Logistics Sector Coordination Meetings in June attended by 15 organisations including national NGOs, INGOs, and UN agencies.
- Eight information management products were published on the Logistics Sector website in June, including three blogposts on Cyclone Preparedness, Humanitarian Access Project and Sector Coordinator’s experience.

Logistics Services

- In June, 684 m³ (456 mt) of relief items were received into common storage on behalf of seven organisations making it a total of 4288 m³ of relief items stored on behalf of 19 organisations in Madhu Chara, Balukhali, Unchiprang, Teknaf and COVID-19 Special Hub in Cox’s Bazar district. Items stored included oxygen, PPE items (gowns and surgical masks). Also, HI-Atlas transported 2118 m³ (1131 mt) of relief items for 12 organisations.
- Between October 2017 and June 2020, the Logistics Sector received a total of 42,528 m³ (14,164 mt) of relief items for storage on behalf of 37 organisations.

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