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# Meeting Minutes, 23 May 2019

Malawi



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Blantyre, Malawi
<b>DATE</b>	23 May 2019
<b>CHAIR</b>	Government of Malawi - Ministry of Transport, Logistics Sector Coordinator,
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Care Malawi, Oxfam, Red Cross, Welthungerhilfe, World Renew, World Vision and WFP.
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Logistics Sector to share a final version of the transition strategy.</li><li>• The Logistics Sector to provide partners with a contact list of the existing humanitarian actors network.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Transition Strategy</li><li>2. Preparedness Activities</li><li>3. AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Transition Strategy;

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- The Logistics Sector conducted a gap analysis and met bilaterally with partners to identify remaining needs and the following results were presented in the meeting:
- It was observed that the situation has significantly improved, and the emergency response is scaling down drastically. The first draft of the transition strategy was circulated with partners on 22 May for any additional comments and endorsement.
  - During the coordination meeting, it was mentioned that the primary objective of this document was to ensure an adequate transition with the unanimous endorsement of all participating actors to shift from Logistics Sector to a Logistics Working Group, led by the Ministry of Transport and supported by WFP.
- The main logistics gaps which were identified and were either covered by the Logistics Sector or have changed were discussed during the meeting:
  - **Infrastructure damage:** Due to significant infrastructure damage especially on roads and bridges, affected areas were only accessible by 4x4 (5 mt) trucks at the onset of the



emergency. Partners reported that road conditions have significantly improved allowing commercial trucks with higher carrying capacity to be used. However, if any organization still requires 4x4 trucks to access remote areas, WFP can support the community with its' dedicated fleet. The service will be available on a cost recovery basis from June onwards.

- **Passenger transport:** Due to geographic conditions, the settlement of Makhanga is only accessible by air or boat. The Logistics Sector has been facilitating passenger transport by boat. The way forward is that WFP will provide the service after the reversion of the Logistics Sector on full cost-recovery basis.
- **Lack of Solutions:** Common services facilitated by the Logistics Sector remain available until the tentative date of 31 May. The Logistics Sector recommended to partners to allocate budget lines to cover logistics costs on their response budget.
- **Lack of accessible storage facilities in remote areas:** The partners can continue to utilize the free-to-use storage facilitated by the Logistics Sector until the tentative termination date of this service by 31 May. If partners would like to use the common service beyond the termination date, their request can potentially be accepted on a case-by-case revision depending on the availability of funds.
- **Lack of information shared and overall coordination:** To continue the progress achieved, the Logistics Sector will convert to a Logistics Working Group and shift the focus from emergency response to preparedness leveraging on the existing humanitarian community and solid network established to continue the coordination efforts.
- **The above transition strategy circulated amongst humanitarian partners and the government and the planned way forward was endorsed unanimously by all participants.**



### 3. AOB

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- It was consensually agreed that this was the last Logistics Sector meeting of the Cyclone Idai response in Malawi. The next meeting will be a Logistics Working Group meeting and will mainly focus on preparedness activities. The mentioned upcoming meeting will be held in June and the official date and location will be circulated.
- It was agreed upon during the meeting that the active WhatsApp group of the Sector is kept active and can be used by partners.

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