

LOCATION: PUI-Sector Warehouse, Maiduguri

DATE: 21 November 2018

CHAIR: Logistics Sector Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: ACTED, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), eHealth Africa, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), INTERSOS, Malteser International, Medecins Sans Frontieres – France (MSF-F), Premiere Urgence Internationale (PUI), Secours Islamique France (SIF), Social Welfare Network Initiative (SWNI), Terre des Hommes (TdH).

ACTION POINTS

- eHealth Africa to take over full management of the common storage facility in Rann from next week.
- The Logistics Sector to communicate with IOM regarding the use of humanitarian hubs for those not formally based within them during an emergency.

AGENDA:

1. Introduction & Previous Action Points
2. Civil-Military Access
3. Storage Services Updates
4. Contingency Planning for 2019 National Elections
5. AOB

Introduction & Previous Action Points

- A new Theatre Commander is arriving very soon, which will set-back discussions on the current fuel limitations. More details in the Civ-Mil/Access section.
- The Logistics Sector is working to compile contact lists of implementing partner focal points operating in the field locations.
- The Logistics Sector is looking into options for driver training for partners.

Civil-Military Access

- The Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF) issued a press release on 10 November 2018 regarding the redeployment of over 100 officers, including the incoming of a new Theatre Commander who will likely arrive before the end of November.
- The Logistics Sector has consulted with the NAF Theatre Command focal point and will re-engage the new Theatre Commander regarding the current restrictions on the movement of fuel. This issue has also been elevated to the Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator (DHC).
- The Logistics Sector has conducted missions to Gwoza and Bama since the last meeting. There is a functioning fuel station in Gwoza that can be used by humanitarian organisations. The Logistics Sector is working to also identify other possible fuel suppliers in field locations and will share updates with partners.
- As per the information shared through the *Dispatch - Road Security* WhatsApp group, there have been a number of security incidents along the western, northern and north-western routes over the past few weeks. Partners are encouraged to monitor this group and consider these updates when planning cargo movements.
- The Logistics Sector met with the Garrison Commander this week to discuss the availability of escorts on the eastern route, which have been less frequent over the past weeks. The authorities offered assurance that there will be three convoys on this route each week; the Logistics Sector will continue to monitor the situation and follow up if any further issues arise.

- Due to processes internal to the NAF, escorts for the route to Damboa (southwest) have not been available recently. The Logistics Sector has received information that the route will reopen within the next week. Partners will be kept updated via the *Dispatch Plan – Partners WhatsApp* group.

Storage Service Updates

- **Maiduguri**, operated by PUI: Warehouse activity has slowly been decreasing in the lead up to the phase out of Logistics Sector financial support in the first quarter of 2019. The results of the PUI user satisfaction survey have been compiled; most feedback was very positive, with some efforts still needed regarding communications/responsivity. The majority of those who responded stated they would be willing to continue cooperating with PUI on this project on a partial cost-recovery basis. PUI will continue to seek alternative funding and will update partners with any confirmed information.
- **Monguno**, operated by Solidarites: No update.
- **Banki**, operated by INTERSOS: The common storage Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been relocated from the military base to the site adjacent to the humanitarian hub. The operations are running smoothly, but a few parts of construction will still need to be completed over the next following weeks.
- **Bama**, operated by INTERSOS: No update.
- **Ngala**, operated by eHealth: No update.
- **Rann**, to be operated by eHealth: One NGO has been utilising this facility on an emergency basis so far, but eHealth Africa is now in place to fully take over the management of the site from next week. All organisations are welcome to begin sending Service Request Forms (SRFs) to access Rann common storage from next week (as usual, addressed to nigeria.clustercargo@wfp.org).
- **Damasak**, operated by ACTED: Three organisations are now using the site.
- **Dikwa**, operated by ACTED: No update.
- Partner organisations were reminded that, aside from exceptional circumstances, service requests must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance, to give operating partners time to adequately arrange for receipts and/or dispatches.

Contingency Planning for 2019 National Elections

- The Inter-Sector Work Group (ISWG) is taking the lead on contingency planning for the elections; the Logistics Sector will be providing inputs and recommendations to the ISWG and will keep partners updated on any relevant discussions and/or decisions.
- While official communications are still pending, partners are encouraged to consider the potential effects of general insecurity and/or violence, and political decisions on their logistics operations, such as impacts on the availability/prices of market products, including fuel, and the movement of cargo and personnel (by both road and air). Best practices in such cases include stockpiling buffer stocks and prepositioning in field sites, when safe and secure facilities are available.
- Organisations may also face an unwillingness by transporters to work in certain areas, which will again impact the availability and/or cost of road transport.
- One organisation raised a discussion on staff evacuations, both from deep field sites to Maiduguri, and from Maiduguri to Abuja (or elsewhere). Humanitarian organisations are responsible for the safety and security of their own staff and assets, and are encouraged to implement best practices, including maintaining accurate lists

of staff in the field and functioning communication channels, and designating focal points responsible for coordinating with other actors, such as the INSO, UNDSS, and UNHAS.

- One organisation asked about designated assembly points in field locations. The Logistics Sector will communicate with IOM, who manages the humanitarian hubs, regarding accommodating actors not formally situated in the hubs, in the case of emergencies.
- Evacuation from Maiduguri will present challenges, as there are many humanitarian personnel on the ground, and UNHAS only maintains one fixed-wing plane on this rotation. Humanitarian organisations are encouraged to prepare for potential hibernation, if the situation escalates.

AOB

- The Logistics Sector continues to receive incorrect SRFs, likely due to high staff turnover in partner organisations. Organisations' key focal points who have received training are requested to familiarise/supervise any new staff dealing with service requests to avoid such delays. If further training is required, please contact nigeria.clustercargo@wfp.org.

The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 04 December 2018 at 10:00 at the PUI-Sector Warehouse in Bolori II on Baga Road, opposite to the WFP warehouse complex in Maiduguri.

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