
Meeting Minutes, 3 December 2019

Maiduguri, Nigeria



LOCATION Maiduguri, Nigeria - OCHA Office

DATE 3 December 2019

CHAIR Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS ACTED, INTERSOS, IOM, IRC, Mercy Corps, MSF-Spain, Plan International, Young AID, ZOA

- ACTION POINTS**
- Partners to direct all access related issues to a designated focal point at OCHA.
 - Partners to preposition their relief items and take infrequent availability of military escorts into account for their planning process.
 - The Logistics Sector to continue to consolidate and process the humanitarian cargo movement notification forms.

- AGENDA**
1. Introduction and Previous Action Points
 2. Civil-Military Coordination
 3. Common Storage
 4. Airport Access
 5. NSCDC Guidance
 6. Fuel Issues in Banki
 7. AOB

1. Introduction and Previous Action Points

- The Logistics Sector shared the information on different modalities of paying airport access fees to airport authorities.
- The Logistics Sector updated partners on fuel movement restrictions imposed by the Nigerian Military and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps.

2. Civil-Military Coordination

- The frequency of military escorts has been decreasing in recent weeks. The Logistics Sector has raised this issue in Abuja Civil Military Coordination Forum and Access Working Group (AWG). The AWG and OCHA will advocate at higher levels but partners are advised to preposition stocks and take infrequent availability of military escorts into account for their planning process.

Road Access

- The north route is accessible for cargo movement without escort until Monguno.
- The north-west route is accessible for cargo movement without escort until Damasak.
- The western route is accessible for cargo movement without escort but is subject to intermittent closure due to military operations.
- The south-west route to Damboa is closed for cargo movement. Escorts can be arranged upon request from partners.
- The southern route is accessible for cargo movement without escort until the Banki junction; from the junction to Banki the route is only accessible for cargo movement with escort. The number of escorts available along this route has decreased in recent days and is reported to be available once every two days.

- The eastern route is not accessible for cargo movement without escort until Dikwa (to be confirmed); from Dikwa to Ngala the route is reported to be accessible for cargo movement with escort (to be confirmed); from Ngala to Rann the route is reported to be closed for cargo movement (to be confirmed).
- The Logistics Sector has made a request to begin escorts to Rann.
- Partners were reminded to submit any cargo movement notifications to the Logistics Sector by 17:00 every Wednesday. Submitted forms will be considered for the following week.

3. Common Storage

Facilities Update

- Monguno, operated by Solidarités International: An additional 10m x 32m Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) was installed. The overall size of the storage is now 1600 m². Temperature-controlled storage is also available at night.
- Banki, operated by INTERSOS: The facility is reaching its capacity. Shelving installed in the temperature-controlled space.
- Bama, operated by INTERSOS: Currently receiving a large number of requests for storage.
- Ngala, operated by INTERSOS: No update.
- Damasak, operated by ACTED: Continued increase in stored items in Damasak.
- Dikwa, operated by ACTED: Installation of additional MSU ongoing.

4. Airport Access

- The Logistics Sector disseminated the negotiated airport access fee information. The current access fees for different vehicle types are:

Vehicle Type	Rate per Vehicle
Sedan	₦ 200
SUV/Land Cruiser/Pickup Truck	₦ 400
Cargo Truck - 5 Ton or Bigger	₦ 600

There are two methods of payment.

1. Pay the negotiated fee upfront.
2. Pay a pre-set monthly rate as follows:

Vehicle Type	Monthly Fee
Sedan	₦ 12,000
SUV/Land Cruiser/Pickup Truck	₦ 24,000

- Further information on this matter can be requested by writing to Niroj Panta at niroj.panta@wfp.org.

5. NSCDC Guidance

- Partners are reminded that, as per recent discussion with NSCDC:
 - **Pre-clearance** of fuel shipments with the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) is not a legal requirement for the shipment of fuel outside of Maiduguri, it is a service available from NSCDC that should **expedite** any inspection by NSCDC personnel as the shipment exits Maiduguri and/or as it is inspected by NSCDC personnel outside Maiduguri.
 - NSCDC regulation on movement of fuel should be related to fuel only, and not other goods.
 - No shipment of fuel should be held, turned back or impounded by NSCDC personnel only because the partner has not obtained a pre-clearance for that shipment.
 - NSCDC personnel conducting inspections of vehicles leaving Maiduguri and/or outside of Maiduguri may hold, turn back, impound or otherwise detain shipments and associated personnel if the commodity information on transport documentation or cargo movement notification form is incorrect or inconsistent (i.e. fuel listed do not match fuel carried, in type or quantity).
- It was also highlighted that the purchase and movement of fuel inside Maiduguri is not subject to oversight by NSCDC. Any inspection by NSCDC personnel of vehicles carrying fuel should only be done as vehicles leave Maiduguri and/or as vehicles are inspected by NSCDC personnel outside of Maiduguri.
- Partners are advised to contact the designated OCHA focal point immediately in cases where they are subject to NSCDC intervention outside the scope of, or in contradiction to this guidance. In all cases, partners are advised to consult with OCHA focal points whenever they feel they have been subject to an unwarranted intervention by the authorities. The contact details for the designated OCHA focal point are: Cedric Petit, CMCoord Officer, UNOCHA, petit1@un.org, +234 906 246 2627.

6. Fuel Issues in Banki

- IOM has reported that its fuel reserves for Banki are running dangerously low, and as such partners staying there might experience lack of power during daytime operations. The issue is being raised with the Theatre Commander.

7. AOB

- The Logistics Sector advised partners to direct all access related issues to designated OCHA focal points. The Logistics sector will continue to consolidate and process the humanitarian cargo movement notifications.

***The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 17 December 2019,
time and location to be confirmed.***

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