LOCATION
Maiduguri, Nigeria - Teleconference

DATE
13 May 2020

CHAIR
Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
• Partners to submit the Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notifications Form (HCMNF) for any emergency movements that were not incorporated previously by 14:00 14 May 2020. The date of movement should fall within the month of May.
• The Logistics Sector to share a short survey to better understand the logistical needs and gaps during COVID-19.
• Partners are invited to share the detailed information of incidents experienced while moving humanitarian cargo to field locations with the Logistics Sector to keep an updated incident database.

AGENDA
1. Introduction and Previous Action Points
2. Road Access
3. Common Storage
4. Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notification Forms
5. AOB

1. Introduction and Previous Action Points
• Partners are sharing the details of incoming cargo to Borno State one day prior to the expected date of arrival on a designated template shared by the Logistics Sector.
• The Logistics Sector received information on potential implications of monthly submission of humanitarian cargo movement notification forms as opposed to the regular weekly submission. This information was raised to the Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF) at different levels by the Logistics Sector and UNOCHA.

2. Road Access

COVID-19 Movement Restriction
• Partners have reported issues faced at while moving humanitarian cargo to field locations. Partners are invited to continue to share the detailed information of incidents experienced with the Logistics
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Sector. This will help the Logistics Sector prepare an incident database and use the information for advocacy for coordination with the NAF and state authorities. Information can be shared either on a WhatsApp platform or by email to stephen.mcgrory@wfp.org keeping muhsin.mufti@wfp.org in copy.

Routes and Escorts

- The north route is accessible for humanitarian cargo movement without escort until Monguno. However, several instances of blockage along the route was reported last week linked to on-going military operation and suspected non-state armed group activities.
- 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 opened for humanitarian cargo movement.
- The southern route is accessible for humanitarian 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.
- The eastern route is accessible for cargo movement without escort until Mafa; from Mafa to Ngala the route is reported to be accessible for cargo movement with escort; from Ngala to Rann the route is reported to be open for light vehicles with escorts. It is expected that larger vehicles will not be able to reach Rann because of the road condition. Partners are encouraged to preposition items in Rann keeping in mind the rainy season ahead.

3. Common Storage

Facilities Update

All the Common Storage facilities across Borno State remain operational for partners’ use. Strict handwashing and sanitation measures have been put in place in all locations. However, staff movements have been restricted due to the limitation in the number of “movement passes” issued to partners and the varying levels of lock down at different locations. Partners are encouraged to make use of the available storage facilities.

- Monguno, operated by Solidarités International
- Banki, operated by INTERSOS
- Bama, operated by INTERSOS
- Ngala, operated by INTERSOS
- Damasak, operated by ACTED
- Dikwa, operated by ACTED

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Air Cargo Consolidation Service

PUI was not able to provide cargo consolidation service last week because of the movement restriction. The service has now fully resumed as PUI has received a movement pass allowing them to collect cargo from partner warehouses, consolidate and deliver it to the airport for onward delivery. Partners are encouraged to use the service as it remains an effective way of cargo movement especially when overland movement is unpredictable.

4. Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notification Forms

- The NAF had previously requested the Logistics Sector to submit HCMN Forms once a month to cover the movements for the following month. This procedure is under further discussion with the NAF and the Logistics Sector will provide updates on the progress made.
- As the farming season is starting, many partners -especially those working in the Food Security Sector- are interested in moving fertilizers, etc. There is currently discussion ongoing with the NAF to explore an easing of the movement of these items, particularly dry fertilizers which are not currently possible to move.

6. AOB

- The Logistics Sector is planning on rolling out a survey on COVID-19 related needs and gaps to better understand the challenges partners are facing and where the Logistics Sector could potentially support. Partners are encouraged to participate in the survey which will be shared next week.

The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 26 May 2020, time and location to be confirmed.

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