Meeting Minutes, 2 September 2020
Nigeria, Maiduguri

LOCATION
Maiduguri, Nigeria - Teleconference

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CHAIR
Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
- Partners are reminded to use the new template for Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notifications Form (HCMNF).

AGENDA
1. Introduction and Previous Action Points
2. Road Access
3. Common Storage
4. Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notification Forms
5. Mid-Year User Satisfaction Survey Results
6. AOB

1. Introduction and Previous Action Points

- The Logistics Sector facilitated the humanitarian convey to Damboa.
- The Logistics Sector facilitated the movement of liquid fertilizers, which are classified as sensitive material and require prior approval.

2. Road Access

Frequency of military escorts has reduced in past couple of weeks. New Civil Military Coordination Officer has been appointed to Theatre Command Operation Lafiya Dole.

Some partners have recently reported that the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) is requiring humanitarian organisations to get clearance from the agency prior to purchasing and transporting fuel. This had been previously discussed with NSCDC senior leadership and it had been agreed that the notification process from Theatre Command Headquarters (TC HQ) and 7th Division HQ should be the standard. Any future reports of NSCDC personnel requiring different documentation is to be reported to the Logs Sector, and consequently discussed with NSCDC leadership.
Routes and Escorts

- The north route is accessible for humanitarian cargo movement without escort until Monguno with intermittent closures.
- 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 open but several incidents have been reported. An alternate route is available via Bama. The Logistics Sector is organizing humanitarian convoys as requested by partners.
- 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. Because of the difficult terrain, the physical road condition between Bama and Banki is deteriorating since past couple of weeks. Delays in cargo movement can be expected.
- 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 road is not passable.

3. Common Storage

Facilities Update

All the Common Storage facilities across Borno State remain operational for partners’ use. Following the call for proposal to manage the storage hubs in Bama and Ngala, new partners have been selected.

Bama Storage Hub will be managed by SALIENT Humanitarian Organizations
Ngala Storage Hub will be managed by eHealth Africa

- Monguno, operated by Solidarités International: Approximately 40% of the overall space is available for storage. Construction of waiting area, parking area and a new fuel store is currently in progress. The heavy rain in past couple of weeks affected the off-load/on-load activities.
- Banki, operated by INTERSOS: Approximately 15% of the space is available for storage
- Bama, operated by INTERSOS: The official handover process is ongoing. Approximately 15% of the space is available for storage
- Ngala, operated by INTERSOS: The official handover process is ongoing.
- Damasak, operated by ACTED: The facility is being used to its full capacity. Fumigation of warehouse premises is planned for next week. General maintenance work is currently being undertaken.
- Dikwa, operated by ACTED: Fumigation of warehouse premises is completed. Construction and repair work are currently being undertaken after the damage caused by heavy rainfall and wind.
4. Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notification Forms

- The template for HCMNF has been updated following the change of approving officer at NAF. Partners are requested to use the new template going forward. The new template can be accessed from the link below:

5. Mid-Year User Satisfaction Survey Results

Findings from the mid-year user satisfaction survey were presented among partners. The key highlights are listed below.

How would you describe the content/quality of Logistics Sector coordination? (e.g. coordination meetings, fostering of relationships between partners, advocacy on behalf of partners, etc.)

Overall: 79% responded very good and 21% responded good.
Discussions on logistics gaps and needs: 71% responded very good and 29% responded good.
Encouraging collaboration amongst participants: 64% responded very good and 36% responded good.

How would you rate the content/quality of Logistics Sector information management? (e.g. mailing list, website, social media, maps, infographics, meeting minutes, SOPs, etc.,)

Overall: 79% responded very good and 21% responded good.
Contribution to operational decision: 71% responded very good and 29% responded good.
Technical information and guidelines: 64% responded very good and 36% responded good.

How would you rate the common logistics services facilitated by the Logistics Sector?

Overall: 71% responded very good; 22% responded good; and 7% responded not applicable.
Air Cargo Consolidation: 43% responded very good; 43% responded good; and 14% responded not applicable.
Storage: 71% responded very good; 22% responded good; and 7% responded not applicable.
Facilitation of overland cargo movement: 57% responded very good; 29% responded good; and 14% responded not applicable.
6. AOB

The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 15 September 2020, time and location to be confirmed.

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