Meeting Minutes, 20 October 2020
Nigeria, Maiduguri

LOCATION
Maiduguri, Nigeria - Teleconference

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CHAIR
Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
- Partners are reminded to attend the orientation session on Child Protection.
- Partners are reminded to release the old consignments from the common storage facilities.
- The Logistics Sector to confirm meeting points and time for the armed escorts along the northern routes by Wednesday.

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

- The Logistics Sector held a series of coordination meeting with the Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF) on escort arrangements to the Northern routes.
- Several partners shared their cargo movement plans for the northern routes.

2. Road Access

Routes and Escorts

- North route, previously accessible without escort until Monguno, is currently being re-evaluated. Ongoing discussions on further accessibility.
- North West route, previously accessible without escort until Damasak, is under evaluation. Ongoing discussions on further accessibility.
- Western route is accessible for cargo movement without escort but is subject to intermittent closure due to military operations.
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- South-west route to Damboa is open but several incidents have been reported. An alternate route is available via Bama. The Logistics Sector is coordinating humanitarian convoys as requested by partners.
- 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 physical road condition between Bama and Banki is unstable due to the difficult terrain, causing delays in cargo movement. For the road from Pulka towards Gwoza, escorts are available mostly on Mondays and Thursdays.
- North East route is accessible with escort. Rann is not accessible.
- Following a request for partner feedback on the short-term use of armed escorts as a last resort option for the movement of road cargo to Monguno and Damasak, the Logistics Sector received replies from logistics colleagues across 10 partner organisations. Of these, the majority expressed a preference to move within escorted convoys.
- There will be an escorted humanitarian road cargo move to Damasak and Monguno on Thursday 22 October. The Logistics Sector will confirm meeting points and time by close of business Wednesday.
- Both inaugural moves on Thursday will be a voluntary one-off event in response to demand. Decisions on further escorted moves to Monguno and Damasak will be subject to further discussions with the Logistics Sector partners and HQ Theatre Command through the weekend.
- Short-term provision of armed escorts is a limited offer as a last resort until other more acceptable options are available.
- Wider CivMil discussions regarding more principled, sustainable, and enduring access/security solutions going forward are ongoing. The Logistics Sector will continue to support and contribute to these discussions - and advocate strongly and robustly on behalf of the humanitarian logistics community.

3. Common Storage

Facilities Update

- Monguno, operated by Solidarités International: Approximately 38% of the overall space is available for storage. Office space upgrade has been completed. One-to-one training was conducted for the partners in Monguno on the correct way of filling the Service Request Form (SRF) and Release Order Form (ROF).
- Banki, operated by INTERSOS: Approximately 5% of the space is available for storage. Some repair and maintenance work were completed in the reported period.
- Damasak, operated by ACTED: Approximately 20% of the space is available for storage. All maintenance work has been completed. Installation of temperature-controlled facility is completed.
- Ngala, operated by eHealth Africa: Approximately 10% of the space is available for storage. MoU signing with the new partners ongoing.
• Bama, operated by SALIENT: Approximately 5% of the space is available for storage. Installation of temperature-controlled facility and general maintenance work is currently ongoing.
• Dikwa, operated by ACTED: Approximately 30% of the space is available for storage. Construction of temperature-controlled storage is completed. Maintenance of damaged facilities caused by heavy wind is completed.

4. Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notification Forms

• Cargo movement to Monguno and Damasak is currently being discussed with the NAF.
• Information received about the possible lower capacity for escorted road movement this week due to ongoing operations.

6. AOB

• The Child Protection Sub-Sector will conduct an orientation session for the Logistics Sector partners on Child Protection.
• The aim of this webinar is to enhance understanding of actors in the Logistics Sector in north-east Nigeria on what child protection is, what the various forms of protection risks for children are and their consequences and how actors in the Logistics Sector can prevent and mitigate the risks and the harm caused by such risks.
• Details of webinar is shared via email.

The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 3 November 2020, time and location to be confirmed.

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