Meeting Minutes, 3 November 2020
Nigeria, Maiduguri

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Maiduguri, Nigeria - Teleconference

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CHAIR
Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS
Action Against Hunger (ACF), ACTED, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Christian Aid, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), e-Health Africa, FHI 360, INTERSOS, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lindii Peace Foundation, Médecins Sans Frontières Switzerland, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), Plan International, Save the Children International, Solidarites International, UNHCR, UNWHO, UNWFP, VSO International, ZOA.

ACTION POINTS
• The Sector Coordinator will reach out to partners bilaterally regarding pallets and tarpaulins.
• Partners are reminded to release the old consignments from the common storage facilities.
• The Logistics Sector to confirm decisions regarding cargo movement along the northern routes Monguno and Damasak.

AGENDA
1. Introduction and Previous Action Points
   • The Child Protection Sub-Sector conducted an interactive and informative orientation session on child protection for partners. The Logistics Sector will be organising similar sessions with other sectors to increase awareness on inter-sector operations and have a better understanding on the role of the Logistics Sector in supporting their work.
   • The Logistics Sector coordinator reminded partners to release their consignments that have exceeded the 90-day limit from the common storage facilities. This is creating a shortage in storage for incoming cargo.
   • The planned escorted move from Damask-Monguno did not take place due to limited military capacity for escorts. Other options for the movement of road cargo on the route are being explored.

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2. Road Access

Routes and Escorts

- North route being re-evaluated. Previously accessible without escort until Monguno. However, discussions on way forward are currently ongoing due to an increase in security concerns. Escorts can be organised by the Logistics Sector based on demand.
- North West route previously accessible without escort until Damasak. Discussions on way forward ongoing with HQ Theatre Command. Escorts can be organised by the Logistics Sector based on demand.
- West route accessible without escort. However, the road will be closed for movement between 00:00 and 16:00 hours.
- South West Route to Damboa is accessible without escort, but there is a high risk due to security incidents. Escorts can be organised by the Logistics Sector based on demand.
- South route is accessible without escort until Banki Junction.
- North East route is accessible with escort. Rann is not accessible.
- Escorts from Pulka towards Gwoza along south route and from Gwoza onwards are available mostly on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding more principled, sustainable, and enduring access/security solutions for the medium and longer term, in partnership with OCHA and with inputs from the humanitarian community. The Logistics Sector is considering the potential for helicopter lift to transport high-value and/or high priority cargo if road movements continue to be restricted.

3. Common Storage

Facilities Update

- Banki, operated by INTERSOS: 15% of the space is available for storage. During the reporting period, 20 consignments were processed; 7 consignments received, and 13 consignments released. The current space in the warehouse is not sufficient to expand the timber-shed or to set up additional MSUs. INTERSOS reminded partners that specific conditions (for example, temperature-controlled storage), can be provided by request. Banki has been stable with few security related activities.
- Bama, operated by SALIENT: Approximately 5% of the space is available for storage. There is a shortage of pallets and trampolines, causing difficulties in properly storing incoming consignments. Additionally, the team has identified a location for the construction of a timber-shed, and the Bill of Quantity is underway. Partners are requested to release any old consignments that have exceeded the time limit. The Logistics Sector coordinator will coordinate bilaterally regarding the provision of pallets.
- Ngala, operated by eHealth Africa: Approximately 10% of the space is available for storage. The warehouse leased from INTERSOS is 30% filled. During the reporting period, 10 organisations are using the storage space. The sinking MSU slab and the slab-cover for the storm-water collector has

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been fixed; toilets have been painted; and 2 pieces of 200 watts flood lights have been purchased. A termite infestation fumigation took place over the weekend.

- Damask, operated by ACTED: Approximately 10% of the space is available for storage. Installation of temperature-controlled facility and timber-shed is fully completed. The Sector Coordinator asked if there

- Dikwa, operated by ACTED: Approximately 30% of the space is available for storage. During the reporting period, 8 partners were served. Construction of temperature-controlled storage is completed. However, there is a shortage of pallets and trampolines in the warehouse.

4. Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notification Forms

- The use of escorts for road cargo movement on the northern routes to Monguno and Damasak is recommended by HQ Theatre Command, although this is not mandated by the military.

- On behalf of partners, the Logistics Sector has formally requested escorts for humanitarian road cargo moves on multiple occasions, and while the authorities to coordinate this with field commands have been issued by HQ Theatre Command, the actual escorts have not been forthcoming.

- The road to Banki has dried out and is now more secure for movement after recent security operations.

- There has been a number of access issues on the road to Damboa, where partners have reported difficulties obtaining clearances and approvals. Escorts have also not been forthcoming, despite written requests by Logs Sector to HQ Theatre Command. It was mentioned that WFP is planning a distribution next week, partners are encouraged to reach out if they would like to move cargo with WFP’s convoy on the longer route via Biu and Chibok.

6. AOB

- One partner pointed out to the conversation on sustainable logistics during the Global Logistics Cluster annual meeting and inquired about the Logistics Sector in Nigeria’s plans towards more environmental logistics. The Sector Coordinator affirmed that the sector is trying to incorporate more sustainable solutions such as switching to sustainable power generation at storage sites instead of diesel generated power and reducing some of the paper usage. In 2021, the sector is transitioning from diesel generated power to hybrid power systems, while some site locations are already switching to solar panels.

- Muhsin Mufti, Logistics Sector Coordinator, will be out of office for one month. In his absence, Kelly Bradley (kelly.brady@wfp.org), Stephen McGrory (stephen.mcgrory@wfp.org), and Abba Medugu (abba.medugu@wfp.org) will be supporting the operation. Partners are encouraged to reach out to them.
The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 17 November 2020, 10:00, online.

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