Meeting Minutes, 12 January 2021
Nigeria, Maiduguri

LOCATION
Maiduguri, Nigeria - Teleconference

DATE
12 January 2021

CHAIR
Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
- Partners planning to move cargo to Damasak and Monguno are requested to contact the Logistics Sector.
- Partners are reminded to fill out the Logistics Sector user feedback survey.

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 meetings with the Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF) on escort arrangements to Damasak and Monguno.

2. Road Access

Routes and Escorts
- The north route is being re-evaluated. It was previously accessible without escort until Monguno. Discussions on access are ongoing.
- The north-west route was previously accessible without escort until Damasak. Discussions on access are ongoing.
- The west route is accessible without escort. The status is being monitored.
- The south-west route to Damboa is accessible without escort but this is not recommended. Escorts are organised by the Logistics Sector upon request by partners.
- The south route is accessible without escort until Banki Junction.
- The 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.

• Wider Civil-Military discussions on principled, sustainable and enduring access solutions going forward are ongoing. The Logistics Sector will continue to support and contribute to these discussions and advocate on behalf of the humanitarian logistics community.

3. Common Storage

Facilities Update

• Monguno, operated by Solidarités International: 20% of the storage space (320 m3) is currently available for storage. Eight partners were supported during the reporting period of 1st December 2020 to 12th January 2021. Construction of the waiting area, car park and fuel storage has been completed. Access constraints and unforeseen issues on the Maiduguri – Monguno road have affected the volume of cargo received in the warehouse.

• Banki, operated by INTERSOS: 20% of the storage space (128 m3) is available for storage. Eight partners were supported during the reporting period. The timber shed has been expanded by 6x4 meters and the warehouse is repainted. Construction of the concrete floor has been completed. Partners are requested to release any consignments that have exceeded the 90 days’ time limit.

• Damasak, operated by ACTED: 5% of the storage space (32m3) is available for storage. Four partners were served during the reporting period. Warehouse fumigation has been completed. Planned construction and maintenance work has been completed.

• Ngala, operated by eHealth Africa: Approximately 10% of the storage space (88 m3) is available for storage. 12 partners were supported during the reporting period. Maintenance work has been completed. 14 solar lamps are installed along the perimeter wall. There are plans to expand the timber shed.

• Bama, operated by SALIENT: 16% of the storage space (approximately 70 m3) is available for storage. Four partners were supported during the reporting period. There has been a continues inflow of consignments for WASH campaigns and preparedness activities. Security conditions have improved overall.

• Dikwa, operated by ACTED: 20% of the storage space (192 m3) is available for storage. Nine partners were supported during the reporting period. Warehouse fumigation has been completed.

4. Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notification Forms

• Policy of the Nigerian Armed Forces for travelling with escorts on Damasak and Monguno roads to be clarified.

• Escorted movement towards Damasak and Monguno is planned for Friday, 15 January.

• Discussions are ongoing on the wider humanitarian policy on the use of escorts for overland cargo movement.
5. AOB

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing process with the storage service providers is being followed up on.
- The Logistics Sector is planning on conducting a refresher training on the use of service forms, specifically Storage Request Forms (SRF) and Release Order For ms (ROF). Details will be shared soon.
- Partners are encouraged to make use of the WhatsApp platform to provide operational updates and discuss issues. For any partner interested in joining the WhatsApp group, please send an email to muhsin.mufti@wfp.org.
- Partners are requested to fill out the Logistics Sector user feedback survey, which has been circulated by email, before 15 January.

The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26 January 2021, time and location to be confirmed.

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