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Nigeria, Maiduguri

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Maiduguri, Nigeria - Teleconference

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CHAIR
Logistics Sector

PARTICIPANTS
ALIMA, ACTED, EYN Projects (EYN), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lindii Peace Foundation, Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), Save the Children

ACTION POINTS
• Partners planning to move cargo to Damasak and Monguno are requested to contact the Logistics Sector.
• Logistics Sector to reach out to partners to confirm dates for the service form training in February and solicit nominees.
• Logistics Sector to share the results of the End of Year 2020 User Feedback survey with partners.

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

• Logistics Sector End of Year 2020 User Feedback survey completed.

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 the 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: 32% of the storage space (512 m$^3$) is currently available for storage. Eight partners were supported during the reporting period (12 to 25 Jan). General maintenance work on warehouse premises has been started. Access constraints and unforeseen issues on the Maiduguri – Monguno road have affected the volume of cargo received in the warehouse. Discussions with partners on how to address the challenge of release of overdue items are ongoing. Completion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with five partners is still outstanding.

• Banki, operated by INTERSOS: 25% of the storage space (160 m$^3$) is available for storage. Three partners were supported during the reporting period. Routine maintenance cleaning on warehouse has been performed. The newly expanded timber shed is full, discussions with partners on releasing overdue items are ongoing. The security of the warehouse remains a challenge. There are plans to relocate food items stored in the mobile storage unit (MSU) in the first week of February.

• Damasak, operated by ACTED: 0% of the storage space is available for use. Three partners were supported during the reporting period. There is a plan to construct a new 10x24 meter slab to accommodate the new MSU. Additional pallets are needed.

• Ngala, operated by eHealth Africa: Approximately 10% of the storage space (88 m$^3$) is available for storage. Currently two leased 320 m$^2$ MSUs from INTERSOS are being used (the space used is 54%). The 16KVA generator was serviced and washed. There are 10 organisations reviewing the MoUs sent to them. Challenges include space constraints and urgent fixes are required to torn MSUs.

• Bama, operated by SALIENT: 9% of the storage space (approximately 39.6 m$^3$) is available for storage. Five partners were supported during the reporting period. The newly expanded timber shed is full, discussions are ongoing with partners on releasing overdue timber. There is a continuous inflow of WASH and COVID-19 related items, requiring less temperature sensitive items to be moved around. Security has improved but remains volatile.

• Dikwa, operated by ACTED: 22% of the storage space (211.2 m$^3$) is available for storage. Four partners were supported during the reporting period.

4. Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notification Forms

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

• Continuing access constraints and localized disruption to humanitarian cargo movements are expected, particularly on main supply routes between Maiduguri and smaller towns.

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- Discussions are ongoing on the wider humanitarian policy on the use of escorts for overland cargo movement. Discussions have been initiated by the Logistics Sector via OCHA with the Operational Humanitarian Country Team (OHCT). Meanwhile organisations will continue with their individual risk assessments for respective road cargo movements.
- The role of the Logistics Sector Civil-Military Officer is moving to the OCHA CMCoord & Access team.

5. AOB

- The MoU signing process with the storage service providers is nearing completion, only one signature is outstanding.
- The Logistics Sector is planning on conducting a refresher training on the use of service forms, specifically Service Request Forms (SRF) and Release Order Forms (ROF). The training is tentatively scheduled for the first week of February (to be confirmed). The Logistics Sector will reach out to partners by email to confirm dates and solicit nominees.
- 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.

The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is scheduled for 9 February 2021, time and location to be confirmed.

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