Background
The Logistics Sector Nigeria provides support to the Government-led coordination of the humanitarian logistics response in north-eastern Nigeria by facilitating access to common logistics services, maintaining regular bilateral and collective engagement in an open forum for discussing and addressing logistics issues as they arise, as well as providing guidance on, and promoting, joint inter-agency logistical planning.

April Highlights
- In April, the Logistics Sector facilitated the storage of 900 m³ (239 mt) of humanitarian relief items at the four common storage sites in Maiduguri, Monguno, Ngala and Banki on behalf of 17 organisations.
- The Inter-Agency Logistics Base in Maiduguri (2,460 m²) is managed by Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) on behalf of the Logistics Sector and is utilised by 30 humanitarian organisations. In April, the base also facilitated the consolidation of 2.5 m³ (1.9 mt) of critical air cargo in coordination with UNHAS on behalf of six organisations to 11 locations, and assembled 889 kits for three organisations (ACTED, DRC and Malteser).
- The common storage site in Banki (480 m²) is currently managed by INTERSOS and is being utilised by five organisations; the site in Monguno (1,280 m²) by Solidarites International (SI) and utilised by six organisations; and the site in Ngala (880 m²) by eHealth Africa and utilised by seven organisations.
- The preparations to establish common storage sites in additional locations (Damasak, Dikwa, Bama and Rann) are ongoing; construction in Rann has resumed after a pause due to security restrictions. The sites in Dikwa and Damasak will be managed by ACTED, in Bama by INTERSOS, and in Rann by eHealth Africa.
- The Logistics Sector continued to support the Civil/Military coordination (CMCoord) mechanisms established by OCHA in facilitating cargo movements and coordination of military escort arrangements where required.
- The Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Chief was in Nigeria for a week to take stock of operational and strategic issues. Accompanied by the Logistics Sector Coordinator, the Chief met with WFP Management and Security, Government officials, donors, the INGO Forum in Abuja, the Logistics Sector team, OCHA, UNHAS, and managing partners in Maiduguri. During the visit, the GLC Chief, along with IOM and IHP/MSB Management, visited the common storage facility in Ngala managed by e-Health Africa, and met with the acting Military Commander in Dikwa to trouble shoot current challenges regarding escorted convoys.
- In April, the Logistics Sector’s engineer and MSU technician conducted a three-day mission to Ngala to manage and supervise the relocation and construction of MSUs for common storage (including the laying of concrete slabs), and to evaluate the construction of the helipad and the existing MSUs.
- The Logistics Sector held two trainings in April with 38 participants from 13 organisations. The first was a session on how partners can best access the Logistics Sector common services, including the processes for submitting and releasing items for storage. The second was a GPS training that included theoretical and practical sessions on setting up and using a GPS unit, and using GPS on mobile devices.

The Logistics Sector conducted a GPS training in Maiduguri.
Coordination & Information Management

- Two bi-monthly coordination meetings were held in Maiduguri, with 32 participants representing 21 different organisations.
- Furthermore, a number of bi-lateral meetings were held throughout April; with IOM to discuss the way forward for the common storage site inside the Humanitarian Hub compound in Bama (and not adjacent to it); with PUI to review the current procedures for the air cargo consolidation project; with ACTED to further discuss concerns regarding the security arrangements at the future common storage sites in Dikwa and Damasak, which are being constructed adjacent to the Humanitarian Hubs; with the Bama LGA Chairman to explore the location options for the future common storage facility; and with the Kala Balge LGA chairman, IOM and eHealth Africa, to finalise the land agreement for the common storage site and Humanitarian Hub to be established in Rann.
- The Logistics Sector attended several inter-agency meetings: the Information Management Working Group, the weekly Civil/Military Coordination (CMMCoord) Forum, the Inter-Sector Working Group, the Access Working Group, and the Operational Humanitarian Country Team meeting, all co-chaired by OCHA; the HQ Theatre Command's CMMCoord meeting, and the monthly CMMCoord conference chaired by the Nigerian Armed Forces.
- The Logistics Sector also participated in the Humanitarian Hubs lesson learned session, along with the Emergency Telecommunications Sector, MSB/IHF and IOM. Achievements and areas for improvement were discussed and compiled in a report. The week following the meeting, MSB/IHF completed their assignments; the hubs project has now been fully handed over to IOM.
- Throughout April, the Logistics sector facilitated 326 humanitarian cargo movement requests on behalf of 21 organisations, representing 1,029 trucks, out of which 679 required a military escort.
- Since September 2016, 23 Logistics Sector maps have been published and 883 map print-outs delivered to partners.
- Through its mailing list, the Logistics Sector communicates with humanitarian actors involved in the emergency response and serves as a repository of inter-agency logistics information and knowledge. In April, the list had 323 subscribers from various UN agencies, NGOs, Government representatives and donors.

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The Global Logistics Cluster Coordinator, with WFP Supply Chain, IOM and MSB/IHP teams, visited Dikwa and Ngala in April.