Background
The Logistics Sector Nigeria provides support to the Government-led coordination of the humanitarian logistics response in north-eastern Nigeria. It supports the Humanitarian Community by maintaining an open forum for discussing and addressing logistics issues as they arise; by facilitating access to logistics services and providing guidance and advice; and by promoting joint planning.

Several key operational areas have become largely inaccessible due to the rainy season. This, taken together with a fluid and unpredictable security situation and the scale of the needs, has created significant strain on the logistics capacity of humanitarian responders in the affected states: Adamawa, Borno, Gombe, and Yobe states.

August Highlights
- In August, the Logistics Sector facilitated the storage of 3,200 m³ (630 mt) of humanitarian relief items at the Inter-Agency Logistics Base in Maiduguri on behalf of 18 organisations, and the consolidation of 28 m³ (11 mt) of air cargo on behalf of ten organisations. The facility, which is managed by Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) in Maiduguri, includes a timber shed, a dedicated temperature-controlled storage area (150 m²) and a kitting area (15x45 m). Currently, discussions are ongoing with regard to the potential expansion of the site.
- The common storage site in Monguno became operational on 31 August. The four 32x10 MSUs with a total storage capacity of 1,280 m² are managed by Solidarites International (SI) on behalf of the Logistics Sector.
- Several delays have been faced in the establishment of common storage sites in Ngala and Banki.
- In Ngala, the construction work on the MSU foundations were not adequate and some repairs are needed before the site becomes operational. The partner, who was initially selected, is unable to manage the site and the Logistics Sector is in discussions with another organisation who is interested in managing the site.
- The works to establish a common storage site in Banki began at the end of July and are still ongoing. The site, which will be managed by INTERSOS on behalf of the Logistics Sector, will include one MSU 10x24 (240 m²), which will potentially be augmented by an additional 10x32 MSU (320 m²).
- The Logistics Sector continues to plan the establishment of new common storage sites in Damasak and Dikwa, in coordination with ACTED who will manage both sites on the Logistics Sector’s behalf and as part of the humanitarian hubs in both locations. ACTED and the Logistics Sector conducted a joint site visit to assess the construction work required to establish the site. A similar site visit is planned for Damasak in September.
- In August, the Logistics Sector team conducted six assessment missions: to Banki, Pulka, Ngala, Monguno and Dikwa (twice). The team assessed the potential MSU sites for common storage and met with the military and local community leaders to discuss access issues during the rainy season and beyond.
- Issues related to humanitarian access, cargo movement, and military escorts are also being discussed at the weekly Civil-Military Forum. The military is now requiring that all cargo convoys on the eastern (Mafa-Dikwa-Ngala) route include a recovery vehicle and an empty truck to assist trucks that break down. The Union of Road Transport Workers has begun to provide this service, at a cost recovery basis. The Logistics Sector has coordinated two meetings with the National Union of Road Transport Works to discuss the final outstanding issues before concluding an agreement to utilize the Union’s recovery service along the eastern route (Mafa-Dikwa-Ngala).
- The Logistics Sector drafted the chapters of the Nigeria Civil-Military Guidelines, which relate to cargo movement and the use of military and civil-defence assets.

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The Logistics Sector supports the Civil/Military coordination (CMCoord) mechanisms established by OCHA. This includes the facilitating cargo movements and escort arrangements. In August, the Logistics Sector facilitated close to 1309 truck movement requests carrying relief cargo, of which 738 with military escort, on behalf of 15 organisations.

An MoU with State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) has been signed for the use of the 6x4 and 6x6 yellow dump trucks for the delivery of relief items to Rann and potentially Ngala during the rainy season, to be facilitated by the Logistics Sector. However, the road to Rann remains inaccessible due to the rains, even with the yellow dump trucks. The Sector continues to coordinate with partners and the military to identify the earliest window of opportunity to begin delivery of the pending 800 mt of relief items for Rann. The road to Ngala also remains closed to cargo movements above 5 mt, allowing only the movement of yellow dump trucks to limit the chances of trucks breaking down and goods being lost. The Logistics Sector is on a stand-by to coordinate the use of the yellow bucket trucks on behalf of the partners.

Coordination & Information Management

- Two coordination meetings were held in August with an average of 16 different UN agencies, NGOs and Government institutions attending.
- The Logistics Sector participated in several inter-agency coordination meetings, including: the fortnightly Logistics Sector coordination meeting, the Inter-Sector working group, the Civ-Mil Forum, the Rann coordination meeting, the humanitarian hub task force and the Humanitarian Access Working Group, led by OCHA and co-chaired by the INGO forum.
- Access to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)/mapping tools and products is being facilitated and is available to organisations upon request. Since August 2016, 16 Logistics Sector maps were produced and 628 map print-outs delivered so far to partners.
- Through its mailing list, the Logistics Sector communicates to actors involved in the emergency response and serves as a repository of logistics information. In August, the list had 223 subscribers from various UN agencies, NGOs, Government representatives and donors.

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