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.

February Highlights

- In February, the Logistics Sector facilitated the storage of 4,700 m³ (1,680 mt) of humanitarian relief items at the three common storage sites in Maiduguri, Monguno, Ngala and Banki on behalf of 19 organisations. The Inter-Agency Logistics Base in Maiduguri (2,460 m²), which is managed by Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) on behalf of the Logistics Sector, facilitated also the consolidation of 10 m³ (8 mt) of air cargo in coordination with UNHAS on behalf of 8 organisations to 7 locations. The newly established training/conference room in the warehouse compound was used to organise two trainings and two meetings for a total of 348 participants. Furthermore, two organisations used the kitting area to assemble 3,347 kits in total. The common storage site in Banki (480 m²) is managed by INTERSOS, the site in Monguno (1,280 m²) is managed by Solidarites International (SI), while the site in Ngala (880 m²) is managed by eHealth Africa.

- The preparations to establish common storage sites in other locations (Damasak, Dikwa, Bama and Rann) are ongoing. The site in Dikwa and Damasak will be managed by ACTED, in Bama by InterSOS, while in Rann by eHealth Africa.

- An MSU was provided on loan to MSF Switzerland in Rann. Due to operational challenges, the MSU technician could not be deployed to set it up. As a result, the MSU was erected by an MSF Switzerland staff, who participated in the training on how to setup an MSU in 2017.

- The Logistics Sector supports the Civil/Military coordination (CMCoord) mechanisms established by OCHA in facilitating cargo movements and coordination of military escort arrangements where required. In February, the Logistics Sector facilitated 1,221 truck movement requests carrying relief cargo, of which 779 necessitated an armed military escort, on behalf of 22 organisations. Since November 2016, there has been an increase in the number of cargo movement notifications submitted to the Logistics Sector, which emphasises a continous scale-up of humanitarian activities across Northeast Nigeria. Furthermore, management of military restrictions on fuel, fertilizer, and other registration/compliance-related issues requires more active civ-mil liason and coordination by the Logistics Sector on behalf of the humanitarian community. The Logistics Sector also provides active support to OCHA and the Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator in their respective efforts to develop a unified humanitarian response to the military’s mandated requirement for NGO registration with the State Government as a new requirement for operational presence in Borno, including road cargo movement.

- Discussions continue with partners on the recovery service provided by the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), as well as alternative options, for convoys travelling on the eastern route (Mafa-Dikwa-Ngala). The intent remains to facilitate a shared understanding and promote a common way forward for all humanitarian agencies and partners, with respect to the NURTW and associated services on main supply routes.

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In February, the Logistics Sector team conducted six field missions to enhance civ-mil coordination (Baga and Banki), to assess the progress on the construction of the common storage (Bama), together with engineers from IOM and INTERSOS, who will manage the site in Bama, to oversee the common storage activities in the field (Monguno), to assess the site identified for the future common storage (Rann) and to set up an additional MSU for the common storage site (Ngala). The Logistics Sector participated also in a joint inter-agency mission to Gulak with UNOCHA, IOM and UNDSS to conduct a needs assessment in regards to the Humanitarian Hub and storage requirements.

- The Logistics Sector Warehouse Management training was held from 7 to 8 February with 28 participants from 26 organisations.

**Coordination & Information Management**

- Two bi-monthly coordination meetings were held in Maiduguri, with 44 participants representing 23 different organizations, as well as three ad-hoc Logistics Sector coordination meetings to discuss the recovery service provided by the NURTW. Furthermore, an introduction session was held via video conference call with partners based in Damaturu: 14 participants representing four organisations were briefed on the Logistics Sector mandate and ongoing activities in Borno State.
- The Logistics Sector attended several inter-agency meetings: RRM meeting, Access Working Group, Inter-Sector Working Group, monthly Humanitarian Hub Task Force Steering Group, weekly Civil/Military Coordination Forum, all chaired by OCHA; as well as the weekly technical Humanitarian Hub meeting, chaired by IHP/MSB, the monthly CMCcoord conference chaired by the Nigerian Armed Forces, the monthly CMCcoord meeting hosted by HQ 8 Division in Monguno, as well as State Governor’s Town Hall Meeting with the Chief of the Army Staff and an ad hoc meeting chaired by the Theatre Commander with Heads of Security Agencies and humanitarian organisations.
- The Logistics Sector provided two briefings on the rainy season planning and preparedness at the Inter-Sector Working Group meetings in order to emphasise the need for early assessment of needs and requirements. The Logistics Sector continues setting up storage in the field locations and analyzing different access solutions to facilitate preparedness activities and ensure continued delivery of relief items during the rainy season.
- Since September 2016, 17 Logistics Sector maps were produced and 799 map print-outs have been 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 February, the list had 280 subscribers from various UN agencies, NGOs, Government representatives and donors.

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