
Meeting Minutes, 28 March 2019

Zimbabwe



LOCATION	Harare, Zimbabwe – WFP Country Office
DATE	28 March 2019
CHAIR	WFP Head of Supply Chain, Zimbabwe
PARTICIPANTS	CARE International, Department of Civil Protection, Save the Children, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics Sector to share list of helicopter landing sites in the affected areas.• Partners to share road access information with the Logistics Sector.• Partners to share their pipelines with the Logistics Sector.• Logistics Sector to follow up regarding licensing requirements for the storage of fuel and share this with partners.• Partners to share their list of suppliers with the Logistics Sector so a master list can be compiled.• Logistics Sector to share list of transporters with partners.• Logistics Sector to provide contact details for government departments working on the response.• Logistics Sector to set up WhatsApp group for sharing of logistics information.• WFP and UNICEF to confirm if Inter-Agency Joint Assessment Report is cleared for sharing.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Situation Update2. Partners Update3. AOB

1. Situation Update

- It was advised that two mobile storage units (MSUs) have been erected at the Mutare Aerodrome for the short-term common storage of partner cargo prior to airlift. An additional two MSUs are planned to be erected shortly at Mutare General Hospital and should there be need, more can be constructed.
- The WFP Aviation helicopter arrived in Mutare on Monday 25 March and had its first rotation on Tuesday, moving relief items to Chimanimani. This will be utilised as a common resource for the humanitarian community for the transport of relief items into areas inaccessible by road.
- In order to facilitate this process, partners are requested to complete the form previously shared by email and transfer their cargo to the MSUs at the Mutare Aerodrome for uplift. Representatives of organisations receiving cargo must also be present in drop-off locations to receive goods.
- Partners requested a list of coordinates for helicopter landing zones in the affected areas. The Logistics Sector will provide this.
- A cargo tracking system will be rolled out shortly.
- There is currently a shortage of fuel in-country. WFP is working with the government and private sector to secure stocks.
- WFP is liaising closely with the Ministry of Roads for updates on road accessibility. Works to repair roads connecting Wengezi to Chimanimani and Chipinge to Skyline are currently underway.

- The road from Chipinge to Skyline is currently only accessible for trucks up to 10 mt.
- An access constraints map is currently being produced. Partners are requested to share information regarding road access conditions with the Logistics Sector to ensure this map is kept as an up-to-date resource for the entire humanitarian community.
- It was requested that partners share their pipelines with the Logistics Sector in order to allow for operational planning regarding common service requirements.

2. Partner Updates

- CARE advised that there is currently no fuel of any kind available in Chipinge. Partners were urged to undertake contingency planning as fuel availability is an ongoing issue.
- The Department of Civil Protection advised that they are currently working with the Ministry of Energy to assist partners in securing emergency fuel from the National Oil Infrastructure Company. Contact details will be shared with the Logistics Sector to distribute to partners.
- CARE requested that the Logistics Sector obtain information regarding the licence requirements for the storage of fuel.
- CARE advised that they have been having difficulty securing storage space in Mutare so are currently using a 7 mt truck as temporary storage. They reported price spikes for what available storage space remains and that much of what remains is unsuitable.
- Communications remain an issue in Chimanimani due to damaged infrastructure and lack of electricity.
- UNICEF advised that they are currently moving cargo in through air and by sea through the Port of Beira, Mozambique.
- UNICEF advised that due to damage to WASH facilities in affected areas, there is the strong possibility of a cholera outbreak, so this may change the response.
- UNFPA advised that they are currently seeking storage space in Mutare, Chipinge and Chimanimani.
- UNFPA advised that they have one 7 mt truck that they would be willing to share with partners to reduce transport costs.
- UNFPA advised that they are currently facing customs clearance challenges for items being imported for the cyclone response. The Logistics Sector advised that they are liaising with the relevant government department regarding waivers and exemptions for relief items and will advise accordingly.

3. AOB

- As Econet are winding down operations, they have approached WFP to take over their food and Non-Food Item stocks currently stored at the Mutare Bottling Company warehouse. They are currently putting together the stock list and WFP will share this with partners once provided so distribution can be arranged by the appropriate agency or organisation.
- A discussion was had regarding suppliers. It was agreed that partners would submit their list of suppliers to the Logistics Sector and this would be compiled into a master list to be shared with all partners.

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- Partners requested information regarding transporters. The Logistics Sector will share this information with partners.
 - It was requested that a list of contact details for government departments coordinating the response be shared with partners. The Logistics Sector will do this.
 - The Logistics Sector will create a WhatsApp group for the sharing of logistics information between partners.
 - It was requested that the Inter-Agency Joint Assessment Report be shared with partners. UNICEF and WFP representatives will confirm if this document is cleared for sharing and Logistics Sector will distribute to partners if so.

The next Logistics Sector meeting will be held 2 April at 11:00 at the WFP office, Harare.

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