Malawi National Logistics Cluster Meeting
Minutes, 11th August 2020
Zoom online meeting

LOCATION
Lilongwe, Malawi (online meeting)

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CHAIR
Patrick Mills Lamptey (Logistics Sector Coordinator / Co-Lead), on behalf of Herbert Chingati (Under Secretary - Ministry of Transport and Public Works - MoTPW)

PARTICIPANTS
Care Malawi, CHAI, Concern Worldwide, Danish Red Cross, FAO, GOAL Malawi, MSF, Save the Children, USAID, World Food Programme

ACTION POINTS
• Health protocols and guidelines to be disseminated with the minutes
• Share approved response plan
• Share map link to give an overview of the needs

AGENDA
1. General COVID-19 Logistics Updates
2. Aviation Updates (WFP & Government)
3. Tent Deployment Plan
4. National Response Plan and Updates
5. AOB

1. General COVID-19 Logistics Updates

• WFP continues to support partners with the free-to-user services:
  o Johannesburg hub has facilitated shipping of cargo for UNDP, UNICEF, WHO and PIH
• WFP passenger service exit strategy:
  o Flights to Kenya and Chad have been discontinued since 8th August
  o Last flight from the passenger hub in Accra is on Saturday, 15th August
  o Flights between Addis Ababa, Accra and Rome will be discontinued after the last flight on 14th August
  o Flights to Nouakchott, Banjul, Abuja, Accra, Sao Tome, Brazzaville, Kinshasa and Goma in West and Central Africa and the timings of these flights will be communicated soon
    ▪ Refer to https://humanitarianbooking.wfp.org/en/

2. Aviation Updates (WFP & Government)

• Government is tentatively planning to re-open the airports to commercial traffic by the end of August:

https://logcluster.org/countries/MWI
This is a shift from the initially proposed date of 15th August in order to finalise on issues of:

- PPEs for airport workers
  - IOM has committed to provide PPEs for some airport workers
- Hotel arrangements for institutional quarantine
  - So far Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel and Latitude Hotel have offered their facilities
- Arrangement of transport for passengers to hotels or designated quarantine sites
- Compilation of checklist on readiness for receiving passengers and managing large volumes at the airports

A memo shared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stipulates that all diplomats and international organisation staff entering Malawi to present COVID 19 negative test upon arrival:

- Malawi is asking for a seven days validity as opposed to other SADC countries which ask for a 14 days validity prior to arrival

In the last week, WFP aviation supported 15 partners with flights.

Next WFP humanitarian flight is scheduled next week on 18th August:
- Last day of booking flights is Wednesday 12th August

Partners reminded that flights are now operating fortnightly.

3. Tent Deployment Plan

- From next week, Mobile Storage Units to be deployed throughout the country and be used as field hospitals:
  - ONSE, MoH, national Health and Logistics clusters have formed a working group in setting up the tents
  - Tents to be repurposed in order to serve as field treatment centres
  - A list of 44 tents requirement so far received
  - Assessment committee set up to look at site selection, what is available on the ground, a checklist to ensure that everything has been done according to the health guidelines and recommendations
    - Other clusters called upon to offer support with other needs like water facilities, electricity and flooring as this should be a joint effort

4. National Response Plan and Updates

- 7% of National Logistics Cluster activities have been funded with a gap of $1.6 million for critical response interventions including the installation of mobile tents:
  - Partners encouraged to advocate for funding for the National Logistics Cluster as there is an important gap in the funding situation and if additional funding is not received, the cluster will be unable to support the needs of the humanitarian community
- Urgent review of the national plan
  - Once approved by the Presidential task force, national plan to be shared with the cluster

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Partners requested to give contacts of staff in Machinga if they have so that they support the ETU assessment team.

5. AOB

- Global Logistics Cluster Teleconference on Humanitarian Supply Chain during/in support of the COVID-19 Response to be held on 26 August at 14:30 CEST.
- COVID-19 flight SOPs & FAQs are available in the shared drive.
- WFP Aviation focal point in Malawi Levi Chiwoni can be reached at levi.chiwoni@wfp.org or mobile: 0999972218
- Contact Malawi.covid19@wfp.org for further assistance
- Contact Phyllis Ocran Mattila pocran@unicef.org for queries on the WHO Supply Portal
- Global Logistics Cluster induction training
  - No scheduled trainings currently
  - Any questions related to trainings can be addressed to: hq.glc.training@wfp.org
- Free to user trainings are available on the Global Logistics Cluster Learning Channel

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