18 August 2020

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 CHAI, Concern Worldwide, Danish Red Cross, FAO, GOAL Malawi, Last Mile Health, MSF, Oxfam, Save the Children, UNICEF, United Purpose, USAID, World Food Programme

ACTION POINTS
- Health guidelines from EOC to be shared once approved
- Reconsider rescheduling the logistics cluster meetings to align with cluster schedules

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

1. **General COVID-19 Logistics Updates**

   - A highlight of the WFP Aviation Global Flights statistics was shared:
     - 1,013 passenger flights
     - 18,209 passengers to 55 destinations
     - 44,654 m² of cargo transported to 161 countries
     - 316 organizations supported through WFP Common Services
   - Partners reminded to refer to the Humanitarian Booking Hub for flight schedules and booking deadlines which are three full business days before departure excluding weekends.

2. **Aviation Updates (WFP & Government)**

   - Government is tentatively planning to re-open the airports to commercial traffic on 01 September, a shift from the initially proposed date of 15 August.
   - 28 passengers expected to travel the week starting 17 August.
   - The EOC shared draft protocols for testing truck drivers and all persons at points of entry – once the final draft is agreed, this will be disseminated further.
Last day of booking flights is Wednesday 12 August

3. National Response Plan and Updates

- Seven percent 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 not be able to support the needs of the humanitarian community
- National Clusters finalized their inputs for the revised COVID-19 National Response Plan last week and Department of Disaster Management Affairs finalizing the consolidation for dissemination.
- On 12 August, the National Logistics Cluster formed part of a joint Emergency Treatment Units (ETU) site assessment in Machinga led by the Ministry of Health (MoH).
  - WFP will support installing the tents as soon as the MoH completes reviewing the list of sites for ETUs
- The National Logistics Cluster continues to provide support in terms of storage and transport. Currently 100 m² storage space is being utilized by cargo from Last Mile Health and UNICEF.
- As part of coordination and support, the Logistics Cluster is now part of the COVID-19 Health Supplies Committee to facilitate and streamline reporting of COVID-19 resource usage by health facilities at district level.
- A proposition from Red Cross for an option to provide tents to the Shelter Cluster.

4. 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.
- 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.
- The Danish Red Cross advised that they have a stock of family tents available to be used during the returnee operations and in support of the national Shelter cluster response.
- Probable scenario where the National Logistics Cluster would transport cargo for Red Cross.
- Logistics Information exchange (Log:ie) platform for Malawi may be rolled out officially next week.

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