

Highlights

- The Zimbabwe National Logistics Sector for logistics preparedness and response continued to meet weekly over the quarter at the request of the partners.
- The SharePoint information system established for the Zimbabwe National Logistics Sector to store and share vital logistics information is working effectively with more partners requesting access to the site.
- Warehouse assessment guidelines were developed in preparedness for the flood and lean season in consultation with partners.
- Long term agreements were coordinated through the Sector for medical and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) supplies for current and future emergencies.

Background

Following the support for Cyclone Idai, a joint Scoping Mission between the Global Logistics Cluster and the World Food Programme (WFP) Zimbabwe Country Office Supply Chain Unit was conducted from 30 October to 1 November 2019 to introduce and layout the groundwork for the rollout of the Preparedness Project in Zimbabwe. The Scoping Mission team met with the Department of Civil Protection (DoCP), various United Nations (UN) and INGO/NGO actors, national societies and the private sector.

Emergency Preparedness is one of the core objectives of DoCP that they would like to strengthen and integrate to other ongoing humanitarian activities. As such, DoCP was keen to see the Preparedness Project rolled out in Zimbabwe as soon as possible.

A Logistics Preparedness Expert was deployed to Zimbabwe late January 2020 to set up the project foundations of a National Logistics humanitarian Sector for the government, the national stakeholders and the private sector. Under the lead of DoCP, a gap analysis and action planning workshop was scheduled for early April with 76 participants, including 15-line ministries, sub national representatives, humanitarian agencies representatives and private sector representatives. The aim of this workshop was to identify key gaps, strengthen the logistics emergency response in Zimbabwe and develop an action plan to enhance national capacity.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in line with WHO's directives and the social distancing regulations, the workshop has been postponed until it is safe to convene.

Coordination

- The Zimbabwe National Logistics Sector continued to meet weekly over the last quarter to continue preparedness work and to share information and constraints on the COVID-19 emergency response.
- Engagement with Department of Civil Protection has been more difficult during lockdown, but new engagement with the Ministry of Health and Child Care and the Civil Aviation Authority was achieved.

Information management

- A map of the Level 2 emergency warehouses and cooperating partner extended delivery points for lean season was created to assist with next seasons lean season planning, and to capture where Mobile Storage Units (MSU's) are currently positioned for flood season.

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