Nigeria – Logistics Sector Operation

Nigeria, Maiduguri – Coordination Meeting Minutes

28 March 2023

LOCATION	Maiduguri, Nigeria (Online)
DATE	28 March 2023
CHAIR	Logistics Sector
PARTICIPANTS (33)	Action Against Hunger (AAH), Catholic Relief Services, CHAD International,Family Health International (FHI 360), Future Resilience and Development Foundation (FRAD), Global Village Healthcare Initiative (GHIV) AFRICA, GOALPRIME, GREENCODE, INTERSOS, International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee(IRC), MAG International, Malteser International, Medicins Du Monde(MDM), Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), Nigeria INGO Forum (NIF), Salient Humanitarian Organization(SHO), United Nations High Commision for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), World Health Organization (WHO), ZOA International.
AGENDA	1. Action Points Updates/Review 2. Situation Update (Road Access, Cargo Movement and Storage Services) 3. Raining Season Preparedness and Planning 4. Any Other Business (AOB)
ACTION POINTS	• Partners to provide feedback to the logistics sector on the sufficiency of the current fuel limit of 2,000 ltrs/week to deep-field. • Partners are encouraged to initiate the release of old consignments at the Monguno storage unit. • The Logistics sector will share information on access in the northwest with some partners who requested.

1. Action Point Updates/Review

Updates on the action points from the last coordination meeting held on 31st January 2022 are:

- The Logistics Sector will assess the impact of cash scarcity resulting from the redesign of Nigerian naira notes on partners operations.

    - The findings from the assessment shows it significantly impacted the use of petty cash in the deep-field locations where bulk of the population are un-banked, particularly in the payment of casual labourers, petty maintenance, generator repairs, etc..
- The sector to share the list of vehicle and generator maintenance vendors as a follow-up on a partner request.
    - The requested list was shared with the partner.
- The Logistics sector will share the election planning for common services operations with partners.
    - This was also shared via the mailing list with partners before the elections. Also, with the conclusion of the elections, logistics operations have resumed fully at each of the storage location.

2. Situation Update

- All organisations are advised to conduct risk assessments before embarking on the following routes. These updates are for information purposes only.

TRANSPORT NETWORK

- The north route and the north west route to Monguno and Damasak remains accessible.
- The west route to Damaturu is still accessible.
- The south west route, transporters are able access Damboa through the direct route (Maiduguri -Damboa) with escorts, while others take the alternative longer route through Gwoza- Madagali-Michika-Askira Uba-Chibok axis.
- The south route to Banki is accessible, while the north east route is accessible to Dikwa and Ngala. Rann is now accessible to only light vehicles/trucks of 5-10 mt. UNHAS is still supporting the airlifting of light relief cargo to Rann.
- The route from Pulka to Gwoza is accessible.
- The planned movement to Damasak will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, 29 March 2023.
- The 4,000 liters fuel waiver for humanitarian organisations to conduct election contingency planning has elapsed. The approved fuel limit to the to deep-field locations has reverted to 2,000 liters per week/location as it was.

STORAGE, STAGING, AND DISTRIBUTION **(Reporting Period: 21 November 2022 – 29 January 2022)**

- **Air cargo consolidation - Maiduguri (managed by INTERSOS):**
    - Updates: 88 consignments with a total weight of 16.25mt/51,083 m3 was consolidated and airlifted for 19 partners from Maiduguri to various deep-field locations.
    - Challenges: Consignments were poorly packaged by some partners
        - Packaging materials including information on the minimum best practices were provided to support partners.

- **Monguno (managed by INTERSOS):**
  - Warehouse occupancy rates: There is 36% of total storage space available in the non-food items MSU (mobile storage unit), 45% space for temperature control storage, 78% space available for food MSU, 9% space for shelter shed. The timber shed on the other hand is 100% full.
  - Update(s): Mettallic shelves were installed to increase storage space within the MSUs.
  - Challenges: The timber shed is filled to its full capacity which has impeded the intake of new consignements.
    - We appeal to concerned partners to initiate the release of old consignments in order to give room for new items.

- **Banki (managed by INTERSOS):**
  - Warehouse occupancy rates: There is 50% available storage space in the mobile storage units, 10% space in temperature control room, 5% in the shelter shed and 15% available storage space for timber shed.
  - Challenges: No challenges were reported during this reporting period.

- **Bama (managed by Salient):**
  - Warehouse occupancy rates: Currently, there is 42% of space available in the store house, timber shed 80% space available and 30% space available in the temperature-controlled room to store new deliveries.
  - Challenges: No challenges were reported during this reporting period.

- **Damasak (managed by Salient):**
  - Warehouse occupancy rates: 55% space available in the store house, 50% available at the timber shed and 25% at the temperature-controlled room.
  - Update(s): A solar powered inverter was installed as alternative power supply for the temperature controlled room.
  - Challenges : No challenges were reported during this reporting period.

- **Ngala (managed by eHealth Africa):**
  - Warehouse occupancy rates: The three MSUs are filled to about 92%, two timber sheds are about 90% full, four MSU slabs are 60% full, the open slab is 54% full and temperature-controlled room has 80% available space.
  - Challenges: The warehouse requires additional MSUs as the current three are no longer sufficient.
    - The Logistics Sector will evaluate the need for additional capacity and provide the required support.

- **Dikwa (managed by eHealth Africa):**

- Warehouse occupancy rates: The three MSUs are filled to about 95%, timber sheds is about 92% full, and the temperature controlled room has 100% available space.
- Update(s): The humanitarian hub has commened power scheduling, this may result in downtimes in responses to services request.
- Challenges: No challenges were reported during this reporting period.

3. RAINY SEASON PREPAREDNESS AND PLANNING

As we approach this year rainy season, its severity and impact on road conditions may follow the same pattern or even worse than last year. It is therefore imperative to use "past" impact as a key to "WHAT", "WHERE", and for "HOW" the humanitarian operations may be impacted this rainy season. To mitigate access challenges on logistics operations, the information in the table below is an overview of routes with physical access challenges during the last rainy season and serves as a hindsight on access constraints likely to expect. The Logistics Sector would further work with partners to understand the impact the inaccessibility during the last rainy season had on their operations and to also understand plans put in place to mitigate such against the next rainy season.

State	Route	Rainy Season			
		Status	Reason	Duration	Remarks
Borno	Dikwa - Ngala	Partially Inaccessible	Rain	Jul - Sep	Dependent on volume & consistency of rains
Borno	Ngala - Rann	Inaccessible	Flood	July - Mar	About 8-months
Borno	Gubio - Damasak	Inaccessible	Flood	Oct - Nov	About 2-months
Adamawa	Madagali - Michika	Inaccessible	Flood	Aug - Nov	Bridge collapse at "Wuro Gayandi" (for about 4 months)
Yobe	Potiskum - Jakusko	Inaccessible	Flood	Oct	Road wash out for about a month
Yobe	Damaturu - Bayemari	Inaccessible	Flood	Oct	Road wash out for about a month
Yobe	Gujba - Gulani	Inaccessible	Flood	Jul	Bridge collapse (about a week), military provided an alternative passage

4. Any Other Business (AOB) and Questions

- **Humanitarian Activities Suspension**: The Adamwa state government suspension of humanitarian activities in the state has been extended following the postponement of government elections.The Logistics Sector is collecting feedback from partners to understand the impact of the suspension on logistics operations, so that it can be escalated for advocacy.
- **Medical Supplies Procurement:** A partner requested information on any recent assessment done to pre-qualify medical supplies vendors in-country since last the one conducted by QUAMED in 2020 which expired in 2022. Another partner confirmed that there is no recent assessment in this regard, however, there is an ongoing discussion around updating the expired report by QUAMED .
- **Partners Update**: The Logistics Sector encouraged partenrs to present reports, assessment, initiatives or other relevant updates during the coordination meetings so that other partners can benefit.
- **Update on Naira Scarcity**: Following the directives given by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to commercial banks to issue out the old currency notes which would remain in circulation with the new naira notes till the end of 2023, the scarcity is beginning to ease, however, the Logistics Sector will continue to monitor and provide relevant update to partners.

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The date for next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be communicated once set

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