

LOCATION: WFP Maputo Country Office

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CHAIR: WFP Head of Logistics

PARTICIPANTS: JICA, Mozambique Red Cross (CVM), MSF-B, MSF-CH, UNICEF, WFP

ACTION POINTS: Red Cross to share the report on their activities so far;
The Logistics Cluster to help investigate solutions to cross border constraints;
Red Cross offered to assist MSF on cross border issues;

AGENDA:

1. Introduction;
2. Situation Update;
3. Logistics Update;
4. Update from Partners

1. INTRODUCTION

- WFP Head of Logistics in Mozambique thanked all participants for attending.
- Organisations were advised that in view of the communication practice with the Logistics Cluster, the present opportunity would also serve to share updates from organizations as to what organizations urgently need, how the Logistics Cluster can support and how to enhance communication.

2. SITUATION UPDATE

- In view of the access issues, organisations were informed that Chinde is only accessible by River; some areas of Maganja da Costa are inaccessible such that river transportation was considered yet discarded due to unreliable boat quality. However, following the restoration of the Licungo Bridge, the accessibility has improved.
- Morrumbala is now accessible but with very rough access routes; Nante also accessible with sections of tarmac and dirt road and Nicoadala remains the less problematic district with regards to access routes.
- A helicopter is now available as of the 16 February and funding for its operation covers 20 days. It has a loading capacity of 3.5MT but due to long distance deliveries and transportation of fuel, cargo capacity is restricted.

- The helicopter refuelling station is mobile and consists of drums of JetA1 Fuel positioned at pre-identified transshipment hubs as per the daily uplift plan – this further helps to overcome the lower tonnage being uplifted at once and thus increasing the number of rotations;
- The Concept of Operations (ConOps) Map was presented and discussed with participants;
- Attention was raised for the need to review communication and information exchange practices, as there is limited communication going on at the moment;
- WFP head of logistics continued advising that a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) is available in Quelimane and further warehousing also in Quelimane, Nicoadala and Mocuba (in partnership with National Institute for Disaster Management (INGC)).

3. LOGISTICS UPDATE

- Organisations were advised that there has been conflicting information coming from the field with regards to the number of affected populations which impacts the response including security and operational planning.
- The warehouse in Quelimane is reported to be full. INGC have been working with WFP in order to address concerns and confirm storage quantities.

4. UPDATE FROM PARTNERS

- The representative from Mozambique Red Cross (CVM) agreed on the need to improve communication including between and within organizations as this remains a concern.
- CVM agreed to share their report with the Logistic Cluster on their activities so far. They also reported their satisfaction in working with the Logistics Cluster, a long term partnership which always translates into effective support and satisfaction.
- CVM reported to have roughly over 100 volunteers in all districts and further advised that dispatches are slow due to sudden changes of the distribution plan.
- MSF-B reported that three weeks earlier, they had conducted assessments in Beira, Caia and Quelimane. In Tete, there is already one treatment centre for Cholera following the recent cholera outbreak as confirmed by MSF -B;

- MSF-B requested assistance from the Logistics Cluster in facilitating cross border movement between Malawi and Mozambique. It was advised that the district authorities in Mutarara will be assisting the MSF-B Malawi team from the Mozambique side.
- Further reporting from CVM indicated that local transport in Quelimane has been challenging.
- JICA confirmed, with support from the Logistics Cluster they have sent non-food items (NFIs) to Quelimane which were delivered to INGC.
- JICA are currently waiting for confirmation from INGC on distribution figures to affected populations.
- CVM continues to seek additional funding in order to facilitate the delivery of 6,000 mosquito nets, 3000 buckets, 1,200 flexible jerry cans and 1,000 tarpaulins;
- Distributions from CVM have been focused in Mocuba, one of the districts with the highest impact levels;
- UNICEF has been mainly sending NFIs to INGC warehouse and coordination at field level suffered limitations in the beginning. The situation has improved due to the deployment of a Logistics Officer who is now expediting dispatches;

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