LOGISTICS CLUSTER – MEETING MINUTES

TYPHOONS - EMERGENCY RESPONSE

WFP Office, Manila

Date: December 01, 10:00

1. Introduction and Situation update by Logistics Cluster

- Logistics Cluster operations are beginning to wind down. As anticipated, air operations ceased as of 30 November. The two mobile hubs in Laoag and Wallace Airbase will be dismantled in the coming week. The third mobile hub continues to support logistics operations out of Baguio.
- Andrew Stanhope will conclude his role as Logistics Cluster Coordinator this afternoon. He will be replaced by Kyungnan Park.
- A final meeting was held in the last week with General Rabonza who expressed his gratitude towards the efforts of the Logistics Cluster.

2. Customs

- Although not part of the currently Logistics Cluster operations, it was noted that general port clearance operations are likely to slow over the coming holiday season. It is recommended that all customs clearance documents be submitted prior to 20 December for incoming goods.

3. C/M Coord

- The Logistics Cluster is continuing to work with AFP in Baguio where they are providing transport and staffing support.

4. Air operations

- Logistics Cluster air operations have now concluded. Since operations began on October 15, two MI-171s have flown 389 rotations (250.17 hours) carrying 2,394 passengers and 410 mt of food and of non-food items for the Logistics Cluster.

5. Surface Transport

- Logistics Cluster surface transport is still operational out of Baguio and is currently transporting relief items for DSWD. Final CMRs are to be submitted by 4 December.
- Following an extension of support from UPS until the end of November, support of the Logistics Cluster by the Logistics Emergency Team (LET) is now come to an end. The LET has provided important support to the Logistics Cluster through the supply of transport, warehouses and staffing expertise since the beginning of the operation.
- Following an enquiry about the availability of boats for the Laguna de Bay area. WFP indicated the best way to locate boats for hire is through municipal counterparts who can provide a list of contacts and indicative hire rates.

6. Warehousing

- As mentioned, two mobile hubs in Laoag and Wallace Airbase will be dismantled in the coming week. The third mobile hub continues to support surface transport operations out of Baguio.
- Warehousing previously available in Manila through the LET has now come to an end.

7. GIS

- The Logistics Cluster will no longer have a GIS officer stationed in Manila. However, the Logistics Cluster continues to offer a printing service up to A0 size upon request. As always, maps are still available for download at www.logcluster.org/phl09a.

8. Update from Organizations

UNICEF: Current operations are focussed on shifting health kits and targeting health centres around evacuation centres in Regions I, II, III and IV-A. UNICEF has also provided 7,000 water kits and an additional 22 mt of soap to OXFAM. UNICEF to follow up on sludge pumping in Santa Cruz which may assist OXFAM. UNICEF operations in CAR are beginning to conclude however, operation in the Laguna De Bay area are scheduled to continue until January 2010.

OXFAM: Working on the distribution of 18,500 hygiene kits with 11,000 kits distributed to date. OXFAM are also in the process of purchasing cleaning kits for distribution. OXFAM's current project is scheduled to run until the end of March. In the meantime, OXFAM are planning to close their warehouse in Manila in order to open another in Rizal.

WFP: WFP are currently working on the November distribution plan. Dispatches for Regions I and III are underway this week and WFP are working of the distribution plans for CAR, NCR, IVA, and Regions II. WFP also noted they are planning a mid-December distribution.

IOM: Working to complete the distribution of shelter kits in Muntinlupa by the end of the week. In the Laguna De Bay area, 1,000 kits have been allocated and IOM hope to be finished within the next 2 weeks. IOM will also commence distributions of 400 family kits in Rizal this week. The current IOM project is operational until December 26 and is focussing on Regions IV-A and NCR.

WHO: WHO is following up with Logistics Cluster on the allocation of a generator to Hospital in Dagupan City, Pangasinan, Luzon, which is to be finalised this week.

9. Way Forward

- Logistics Cluster meetings will now be scaled back in frequency to be held fortnightly.

Next meeting: TUESDAY December 15 at 10.00 am at the WFP Office