

PAKISTAN LOGISTICS CLUSTER – MEETING MINUTES

Islamabad

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Participants: Logistics Cluster, OXFAM B, GTZ, WFP, NATO, USAID, DHL DRT, GOAL, MALTESERINT, MERLIN, Save the Children, Klaus Euler, World Vision, UNICEF, WHO, Handicap international, CORDAID, IOM

1. Logistics Cluster Operational Update

- Logistics Cluster facilitated air services are continuing to operate out of Sukkur, Multan, Ghazi (Khwazakhela and Besham) and Chaklala (fixed wing). A new hub has been established in Pano Akil to serve additional locations in Northern Sindh and on 12 September, the Logistics Cluster started deliveries out of Karachi, covering Dadu.
- CMRs submitted to the Logistics Cluster are presented daily at the Joint Air Coordination Cell (JACC) where air assets are allocated for the following day.
- From 5 August to 13 September a total of 1,808mt of life-saving relief items have been transported to areas inaccessible by road.
- The Logistics Cluster has temporary storage facilities (available at no cost to the Logistics Cluster participants) in: Sukkur, Multan, Khwazakhela, Besham, Hyderabad and Nawabshah. Logistics Cluster participants interested in the service should send a temporary storage request to the Logistics Cluster (either in Islamabad or at provincial level - contact details are available on www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09).

2. UNHAS Capacity

- UNHAS – civilian helicopters are currently operating out Sukkur (two assets), Multan (one asset) and Karachi (three assets). Two of the helicopters from Karachi are being moved to Hyderabad to operate daily out of Nawabshah (covering Dadu) in response to participants needs in that area. Logistics Cluster participants are urged to make use of the services.
- UNHAS procedures for passenger booking have been finalised and can be found on <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/pak09a/unhas-pakistan-booking-procedures-and-forms-1-september-2010>

3. Participant updates on operations, bottlenecks and needs

Update on unsolicited bilateral donations:

- **DHL/DRT** reported that unsolicited bilateral donations (UBDs) are arriving at Chaklala with PIA unsorted, consigned to NDMA but with minimal prior arrangements, associated costs or delivery/distribution plan. The goods are presenting a significant logistical bottleneck, exceeding the storage capacity and are piling up on the tarmac at Chaklala.
- **DHL/DRT** are supporting NDMA in sorting, managing and organising the UBDs using volunteers/labourers to break the packages down and divide the goods into “family bags” which can then be easily transported and distributed to needy populations. NDMA are then either trucking the bags to the communities or sending a portion via US air assets. However, DHL are handing over to CDA on the 15th September. CDA have sent small teams for training with DHL in the last few days.
- **IOM** are responsible for transporting shelter items and OFDA/EU in-kind goods. There is also an informal arrangement between IOM and the WASH cluster to receive some items for distribution; however the system needs to be clarified and strengthened. IOM are distributing both in-kind imported goods and local donations in Multan, Sukkur and Hyderabad.

- **UNICEF** is having difficulty with bilateral donations for WASH, as the WASH Cluster is not a legal entity and cannot take responsibility for the goods. UNICEF has also faced problems with access to the airport and have found that some in-kind WASH donations are going missing.

Up coming pipeline/ bottlenecks:

Use of the Logistics Cluster Services for air transport and storage is likely to increase significantly in the coming weeks as organisations have completed their assessment/planning and are in the process of purchasing/importing commodities.

- **Oxfam** are requesting an airlift to Swat from Khwazakhela (hygiene kits, tools and water equipment).

Action point: Oxfam need assistance from Logistics Cluster to assess the weights, volumes and measurements for the airlift. The Logistics Cluster will follow up bilaterally.

- **Save the Children** has received goods for Bahran, Muta, Kalam and Kabal. The cargo is currently in Swat. Save the Children has requested use of UNHAS air assets for the transportation of goods and personnel to these areas.

Action point: The Logistics Cluster can airlift goods from Ghazi, Khwazakhela and Besham using military assets on submission of a CMR. The assessment for potential UNHAS operations in Swat is still ongoing. The Logistics Cluster will inform the Logistics Cluster participants as soon as a decision is reached.

- Save the Children have relief cargo arriving at Karachi port and need the details of the approved clearing agent.

Action point: Logistics Cluster will send details regarding the clearing agent.

- **Klaus Euler** (supported by Palas Food Committee). Klaus submitted a CMR for airlift of 6.4mt of cargo into Kohistan. To date 2mt have been moved. However security restrictions have prevented the completion of the air transport of the remaining 4.4mt to the area thus far. The Logistics Cluster is following the issue very closely through the daily JACC meetings to arrange the remaining delivery (as per the CMR).
- **World Vision** has relief cargo in Multan and Sukkur. They are working with the Logistics Cluster coordinators on the ground to discuss requirements and they will submit a CMR soon to transport relief items to the Jappur area by air if possible.
- **UNICEF** will be moving 1,000mt of cargo in the next few weeks (WASH, health and nutrition items), and 4,000mt in the next two months (WASH, child protection, and education).
- **WHO** is operating in Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad and is also opening a new sub-office in Hyderabad. WHO will be increasing their requests to the Logistics Cluster for cargo movement, as well as storage in the coming weeks.
- **Handicap International** is operating in Upper Swat, Kalam and Barry and need to move people to the area in order to conduct needs assessments.
- **ACTED** are in the process of arranging the delivery of household and hygiene kits for Swat and Dir.

4. AOB

Strategic planning of air operations:

The Logistics Cluster is still awaiting feedback from agencies on the request (sent out by OCHA on behalf of the Logistics Cluster) regarding the upcoming needs for air operations and storage. This information is vital for the Logistics Cluster to be able to provide an efficient and effective service to participants in the coming months.

Actions point: Logistics Cluster participants are urged to send any pipeline information they have, as well as Logistics Cluster support needs as soon as possible.

Access information:

The Logistics Cluster is collecting information on winter road access scenarios for KPK and Gilgit Baltistan. The information will be shared with Logistics Cluster participants in the next meeting. The Logistics Cluster is also arranging storage facilities in Northern Pakistan to allow Logistics Cluster participants to pre-position goods ahead of the winter.

Action point: Logistics Cluster participants should inform the Logistics Cluster support cell of any pre-positioning /winter storage needs as soon as possible.

The time and venue of the next Peshawar Logistics Cluster meeting will be communicated by e-mail invite.

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