

LOGISTICS SECTOR COORDINATION MEETING

LIBERIA- REFUGEE RESPONSE

MINUTES – 18.04.11

Date: 18 April, 2011 – 1000 hours
Location: WFP Conference room, WFP Country Office, Monrovia
Next Meeting: 25 April @1000 – WFP conference room, WFP Country Office, Mamba Point, Monrovia

1. Action Items

Action Point Summary				
Issue	Responsible	Decided	Timing	Action
APM Terminals negotiation	WFP/Logistics Sector	14 Feb; 07 Mar; 21 Mar 4 Apr	ASAP	Logistics Sector to finalize negotiations with APM, re: waiver of fees at Free Port, Monrovia. And bring clarity on which dues will be reduced.
NPA port fees	WFP/Logistics Sector	4 Apr	ASAP	WFP/Logistics Sector to request and distribute to sector participants rates for all ports in Liberia (NPA). In coordination with LRRRC clarify procedures for reduced NPA port dues.
UNMIL MV Katarina booking procedures & loading regulations	UNMIL HCS	14 Mar 21 Mar 4 Apr	Loading procedures and rules sent	UNMIL HCS to re-distribute booking procedures & loading regulations for MV Katarina to Logistics Sector participants – Loading procedures distributed
Customs and duties exemptions	WFP/Logistics Sector	14 Mar; 21 Mar 4 Apr	Completed	WFP/Logistics Sector to continue to follow up with OCHA on agreement with Government of Liberia (Agreement distributed to Logistics Sector participants)
Road construction/ rehab plant equipment	Logistics Sector	14 Mar	Continuing	Logistics Sector to make enquiries at regional level to identify sources for plant equipment in the region.
Logs capacity/ needs identification	All	14 Mar	Continuing	To determine the overall logs capacity, participants are requested to submit their capacity information soonest
WFP Service Provision	WFP	4 Apr	Completed	WFP has distributed Standard Operating Procedures for Logistics Service Provision

2. Discussion on previous action items

Discussion on action points reflected above:

- As the NPA has not agreed to give any reduction in concession fees paid by APM-T to NPA, there will be no reduction in APM-T dues for humanitarian organizations. Logistics Sector will continue to follow-up and report back of any new developments.
- NPA has agreed to 50 percent discount for humanitarian organizations on ports fees collected directly by them, but require pre-approval by LRRRC. Procedure for LRRRC clearance and overview of port fees are pending.
- The "**Agreement between the United Nations and Government of Republic of Liberia concerning measures to expedite the import, export and transit of relief consignment and possessions of relief personnel in the event of disasters and emergencies**" has been signed by both parties and document has been distributed to the Logistics Sector participants.
- WFP has distributed SOPs for Logistics Service Provision.

3. Regional Developments

- Logistics Sector participants were informed on the Ivory Coast Logistics Cluster services and that SOPs and Con Ops that have been posted on the Logistics Cluster website.

4. Infrastructure Update

- The bridge at Zorgowee, Nimba County, has been a bottleneck for some participants. It was informed that the main structure of the bridge is good and that trucks have been able to get over by mending the deck. **UNMIL** also reported that they are looking into doing some work on the bridge.

5. Participants Brief

Logistics Sector participants provided a quick briefing on recent developments.

- **UNHCR and UNMIL** reported that they are planning an UNMIL truck convoy with UNHCR commodities from Monrovia to Saclepea.
- **WFP** reported that they will be getting three airlifts with rice from Niger over the next three days.
- **WFP** will also get more involved in secondary transport to refugees in cooperation with **UNHCR**.

6. AoB

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Meeting closed at 1025