

LOCATION: OSOCC Tacloban

DATE: 13 January 2014

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: CARE, IFRC, IMC, IOM, Medair, MSF-F, Oxfam, Philippines Red Cross, Plan International, Salvation Army, UNFPA

- ACTION POINTS:**
- Partners to provide timely visibility of incoming pipeline to allow better planning of logistics assets to support the humanitarian community.
 - To access storage and sea cargo movement services, partners to submit properly completed Service Request Forms (SRFs) to philippines.cargo@logcluster.org.

INTRODUCTION / REVISION OF ACTION POINTS

- Minutes from the last Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting were unanimously approved.
- Partners were reminded that the Service Request Forms can be found on the Logistics Cluster website www.logcluster.org in the Key Documents section on the Philippines page following the Sea Transport-Storage link. <http://logcluster.org/ops/phl13a/sea-transport-and-storage-cargo>.

SITUATION UPDATE

Sea Transport

- The next rotation of the Logistics Cluster chartered landing craft Victoria is delayed by one week due to bad weather conditions which affected the berthing of the vessel in Guiuan. Partners will be notified of a confirmed schedule as soon as possible. Kindly visit the link below for an update on the schedule <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/phl13a/tentative-schedule-for-interagency-cargo-transport-by-sea>
- Partners were informed that shipping services would continue until mid-February.
- Partners were informed that the One-Stop is now operational in Manila and Cebu.

Storage

- The Logistics Cluster maintains 5 dedicated MSUs at the warehouse compound in Palo for interagency use.
- Organisations are kindly advised to request for storage or release of cargo at least 48 hours in advance. Failure to do so will result in delays, as unplanned trucks will congest and impede the MSU storage operations.
- The training on Health and Safety in Warehouse Operations, organised by the Logistics Emergency Team (LET) through the Logistics Cluster is on-going. It is planned to train approximately 30 national logisticians over a period of two days.

Road Transport

- A frequently updated list of commercial transporters is available at <http://logcluster.org/ops/phl13a/local-commercial-transporters> Partners are requested to share any updated information they have for the list.
- Partners were advised to visit www.logcluster.org for updates on access constraints and availability of logistics capacities in key locations.

Air Transport

- UNHAS will discontinue the use of the helicopter on the 18th of January. UNHAS management encourages NGOs to take advantage of the availability of commercial airlines for their air transport needs.

- All bookings must be made before 12 noon of the working day before the departure. Booking forms are available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/phl13a/unhas>.
- The Logistics Cluster has identified LBC, (a commercial air transport carrier) willing to provide transportation of cold chain for humanitarian agencies. However, the company is not taking liability for any breakage or damage.

PARTNER'S BRIEFS

Organisations shared their main constraints and issues:

- Some organisations notified that shortage in supply of pallets in Tacloban is still a constraint. Several partners informed that the suppliers in Cebu are much better equipped. MSF were happy to provide the cluster partners with information on a commercial supplier manufacturing pallets in Cebu according to specifications provided by the client.
- A partner mentioned the difficulties in finding appropriate handling equipment to unload 200mt of corrugated sheets which were overloaded on pallets. The Logistics cluster will offer the space in Palo to enable the partner to trans-ship the cargo between trucks as required.
- Oxfam thanked the logistics Cluster for information provided on road access from BayBay to Javier for the movement of relief items with 20mt trucks on the route.

AOB

- The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to complete the Logistics Cluster survey that has been initiated to track service provision and solicit feedback as a tool to improve services and partnerships globally. The survey will be sent out again through the Tacloban mailing list.
- Some partners suggested that the Logistics Cluster to provide a distance matrix of predictable road transport routes to avoid manipulation of distances by local transport providers.
- The next Logistics Cluster Meeting in Tacloban will be held at the OSOCC on Thursday, 23 January at 17:00 hrs.

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