
LOCATION	Online
DATE	21 June 2021
CHAIR	Logistics Sector
PARTICIPANTS	Caritas, Concern Worldwide, Dan Church Aid, Danish Refugee Council, Handicap International, Islamic Relief Bangladesh, Malteser International, Medecins Sans Frontieres, United Nations Population Fund, World Vision, World Concern/ Mediar World Food Programme, United Nations World Food Programme, Inter Sector Coordination Group
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partners to complete the Transportation and Fuel Suppliers Assessment Survey that will help compile an updated list of transportation and fuel suppliers.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Logistics Sector UpdatesWarehouse Capacity AssessmentPreparednessAOB

1. Logistics Sector Update

- To contain the effects of Cyclone Yaas and minimize losses, the Logistics Sector partially activated the 72-hour Cyclone Preparedness Plan. As part of the plan, cargo stored in Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) were wrapped with tarpaulin and ropes in the hubs to be protected against landfall.
- Access Road Assessment (ARA) restarted in the camps that was put to a halt due to lockdown. Six camps have been covered to date.
- Log IE training presentation has been translated in Bangla for further trainings and workshops in Bangla. A workshop for Retailers and Handicap International is being planned.
- The Gaps and Needs Assessment (GNA) has been completed with 27 interviews in total. The team is now in the process of preparing the report.
- The Logistics Sector organised two days of online Logistics Induction Training in collaboration with Handicap International-Atlas Logistique (HI-Atlas) focusing on Warehouse and Transportation Management exclusively in Bangla on Sunday, 6 June and Monday, 7 June 2021 with 15 participants from seven organisations in attendance.
- HI-Atlas is planning on organising Transport Management, Stock Management, Cyclone Preparedness and Gesture & Posture trainings in future.
- Partners are requested to provide their plans for storage requests and dispatches in the Logistic Sector Hubs early to allow for planning as the operation in the hubs has reduced due to the lockdown.
- A total of 1,110 m³ space is available in Madhu Chara (550 m³), Balukhali (320 m³) and Teknaf (240 m³) for storage.
- Brian La Guardia, the new access advisor from ISCG introduced himself. He can be reached via access.advisor@iscgcb.org.

2. Warehouse Capacity Assessment 2021

- Based on the 27 submissions received, there are 69 warehouses in Cox's Bazar with a total capacity of 69,239 m² with an average capacity of 1,065 m².
- Total space capacity has increased by approximately 7 per cent since 2018. However, average utilization has decreased by approximately 4 per cent since 2020. Utilization of Storage Capacity hit their max in 2020, however, compared to previous years, utilization remained quite stable at approximately 80 per cent. On the other hand, Storage Capacity increased at a steady rate between 2018 and 2020, decreasing only between 2020 to 2021.
- Frequency of combined facilities with lower capacity and higher utilization has been reducing since 2020 allowing greater flexibility for upscale as required.
- Similar to previous years, this year has witnessed a higher storage capacity among the UN organisations accounting for approximately 53 per cent in comparison to INGOs accounting for approximately 42 per cent.
- WHO and MSF-OCBA have the highest temperature controlled storage capacity accounting for approximately 33 per cent each, followed by other INGOs and NNGOs.
- There are 43 20-foot containers and 31 40-foot containers across Cox's Bazar accounting for 35 percent contingency stock and 65 percent regular stock.
- Common storage under the Logistic Sector accounts for 6.5 per cent.
- Any agencies with storage facilities who did not provide information to the assessment are requested to do so as soon as possible so that data can be finalised for mapping.

3. Preparedness

- Recommended items/kits for vehicles accessing the camps include Spade/Pick Axe, Torch Tow Belt, First Aid Kit, Jump Cable, Fire Extinguisher, Spare Tire, Basic Tool Kit. The Logistics Sector has some of the items available in case partners need them as loans.
- Deployable hubs have been prepared for quick response in cases of emergency in both Madhu Chara and Balukhali including the preposition of standby capacity. Partners are invited to visit the hubs. The deployable hubs include:
 - 40 ft container-Items including Genset, Pallets, Tarpaulin, E-distribution Box, MSUs & Office supplies.
 - 20 Feet-Items including Prefab, Ablution Units and MSU.
- Partners are requested to contact the Logistic Sector bilaterally for assistance/information for emergency preparedness activities via ashim.shrestha@wfp.org.

5. AOB

- With regards to Humanitarian Access Project (HAP), partners are requested to reach out to the following people:
 - If a valid pass is rejected at the checkpoint: Sahand Tahir at Sahand.tahir@wfp.org and Uttam Das at uttam.das@wfp.org.
 - If more information is needed on a pass that has been applied for: Brian La Guardia at access.advisor@iscgcb.org, Roselyn at im7@iscgcb.org, and Abu Naim at field.coord5@iscgcb.org.
 - If an application is received from ISCG with no approval: Arif Khan at anikkhan099@gmail.com, 01847351673.

The next Logistics Sector Coordination meeting will be held online on Monday 19 July 2021 at 11:00 am.

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