# Meeting Minutes, 29 June 2021

Nigeria, Maiduguri



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CHAIR Logistics Cluster

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AGENDA 1. Road Access

2. Storage Services update

3. Air Cargo Project Presentation

4. AOB and questions

## 1. Road Access

**ACTION POINTS** 

- The north route up to Monguno is still experiencing illegal vehicle checkpoints (IVCPs), but according to some partners it remains accessible for humanitarians without any armed escorts.
- On the road between Maiduguiri to Damasak (north west route) the movement of cargo is still a
  challenge due to IVCPs. There are few humanitarian operations currently operating at the location
  even though the humanitarian hub is still not functional.
- The south-west route to Damboa is still inaccessible without escort. Humanitarians are recommended
  to take the longest route. However, the route from Chibok to Damboa is becoming difficult to access.
   Organisations planning to use this route are highly recommended to use smaller and lighter trucks. 30
   MT trucks are starting to get stuck because of the muddy road.
- The southern route to Bama and Banki is accessible without escort until the Banki junction. However, due to the rainy season, the roads between Bama and Banki are getting worse. It is advisable for organisations to preposition some items in Banki before the conditions of the roads deteriorate.



- Security wise some roads (between Bama, Banki, Gwoza, Pulka) might increasingly become a
  challenge due to AOG operations in that area. If organisations need to preposition some items, they
  are recommended to do it now.
- In Adamawa, the bridge between Michika and Madagali has been repaired and movement has been restored. Organisations are requested to use smaller trucks.

## 2. Storage Services Update

There are four warehouses currently available. Warehouses in Damasak and Dikwa are unavailable due to security incidents and suspension of activities of the service provider.

#### Monguno (Managed by Solidarites International)

- In the Monguno warehouse, 3 per cent of the storage space remains available in the food MSU only.
   Over the past two weeks, six partners have been provided with storage services, representing 2,862.1
   MT of cargo stored.
- The warehouse handover between Solidarites International and Intersos will take place from the 28
  until the 30 of June. The transition process will affect partners access to the warehouse until the 1 of
  July.
- Intersos will assume full management of the Monguno common storage by the 1 of July. Interruptions
  of services are not expected to happen; however, organisations should keep in mind that the
  handover process will be in place and that there could be a couple of days of slower operations at the
  warehouse.
- The security situation is calm in Monguno.

## Ngala (Managed by EHealth Africa)

- In Ngala warehouse, seven per cent of the storage space is available. Over the past two weeks five partners have been provided with storage services. 176.36 m3 of items have been received.
- The two timber sheds are 55 percent full.
- The requests for storage continue to increase against available space. EHealth Africa has requested to expand the 10x24 MSU.
- The fumigation of the warehouse has been carried out and completed.
- Curfew in Ngala remains from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM for pedestrians, and 5:00 PM to 6:00 AM for vehicles.

#### Bama (Managed by Salient)

- In Bama warehouse, there is 0 per cent availability of storage due to long standing cargo.

  Organisations are invited to release their cargo to enable space creation.
- Over the past two weeks, three partners have been provided with storage services. 37.46 m3 of items have been moved, 18.89 m3 have been received and 18.57 m3 have been released.



- The upgrade work on the timber shed is 90 per cent completed.
- The general security situation improved, but it still remains volatile due to multiple attacks towards the eastern part of Bama.

#### Banki (Managed by Intersos)

- In Banki there is 0 per cent of storage available.
- Five partners were served, two consignments totaling 6.36 m3 has been received. Currently 119.80MT and 725.52 m3 of cargo have been stored.
- The road to Banki is affected by the rain. Attacks have been carried out on the road from Banki to
  Bama. Organisations are recommended to make use of the available time frame and space to
  preposition their item for any upcoming activities or programmes that they are planning to carry out.
- The timber-shed is full.
- Banki and its surroundings are experiencing AOGs attacks. Intersos is trying to put in place a contingency plan the consignments.
- Intersos is calling on organisations in Monguno to expect a communication on the renewal of the MOU common warehouse.

#### Maiduguri (Managed by PUI)

- For the past two weeks, five partners have been provided with storage services in Maiduguri, representing 2.33 m3 stored.
- PUI has been providing air cargo consolidation services to 12 organisations, moving 5.98 m3 of cargo.
- 47 consignments were shipped from Maiduguri to various LGAs.
- Within the week organisations should expect the MOU and PUI expect a reply as soon as possible.
- There will be a communication with partners also on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in order to give them a better understanding on how PUI works
- If there are any feedback on the service, organisations are invited to reach out to the Logistics Sector.

# 3. Air Cargo Project Presentation

- PUI is active in Maiduguri and Monguno LGAs, with plans to expand in the north west of the country in the near future.
- PUI had an assessment in May regarding the needs of the organisations in the state of Monguno. 46
   INGOs were target for the assessment, and out of these 35 were interviewed in person.
- There are two main objectives of the survey:
  - o To map the needs of the humanitarian actors active in Borno state.
  - To determine the possibility of scaling up transportation and storage activities for more capacity to support partners across BAY.
- The main findings were the followings:

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- 46 per cent of the interviewed INGOs were already in partnership with the previous
   Maiduguri Inter-Agency Logistics Platform (MIALP) project.
- 92 per cent of INGOs stated that they are expecting an increase in their needs for cargo storage and consolidation.
- 87 per cent confirmed the need to reintroduce MIALP services for partners operating in north-east Nigeria.
- 80 per cent of the organisations rated the overall quality of the services provided by MIALP as satisfactory.
- Following the closure of the MIALP project 69 per cent of the partners have used their own warehouse for storage.
- The main advantage previous partners benefitted from was 100 per cent from storage and cargo consolidation.
- From the 54 per cent of organisations who stated they were not partners with the previous
   MIALP project, 79 percent are interested in a re-launch of the project.
- The average potential quantities projected from May 2021 through the next six months are 232 MT for storage, 415 MT for transportation and 8,136 MT for kitting.

# 4. AOB and questions

- It was explained to the participants that the findings were related to a need assessment, to potentially scale up the project.
- Organisations who are contacting UNHAS for air cargo movement are requested to copy PUI for their information.
- A discussion on road cargo consolidation to support organisations in moving their cargo is ongoing, in particular to the most difficult routes. This would enable partners to move their cargo in an easier way, without using their own vendors.
- One participant expressed the need to communicate to OCHA the possibility of not going to them to hand in the notification form, but for them to collected directly from the WFP guesthouse due to distance and revision of the forms.
- Another participant is suggesting to have a more face to face discussion with OCHA during the submission of the notification forms, instead of having to drop them at the gates.
- In the next meeting a representative of the Borno State Government will attend to explain what the government can do to facilitate humanitarian operations.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 13 July 2021 at 10:00.

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