Meeting Minutes, 20 April 2021

Nigeria, Maiduguri

LOCATION	Maiduguri, Nigeria – online
DATE	20 April 2021
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement (ACTED), EHealth Africa, FHI 360, Global Village Health Care Initiative for Africa (GHIV Africa), Greencode, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Alert, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Intersos, Logistics Cluster, Malteser International, Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF), Norwegian Church Aid, Plan International, Premiere Urgence Internationale (PUI), Salient Humanitarian Organisation (SHO), Solidarités International (SI), Terre des Hommes (TDH), United States Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (US BHA), ZOA International
ACTION POINTS	• The date of movement of the convoy from Maiduguri to Monguno will be shared shortly. • Humanitarian organisations interested in a convoy to Damasak to contact the Logistics Sector. • Partners who lost their cargo in the Damasak attack will be reached out to by the Logistics Sector and ACTED. • A discussion will be initiated with UNHAS and PUI regarding partners facing issues with their requests for UNHAS transportation services. • A survey on stock levels of Covid19-related PPE and supplies to be shared.
AGENDA	1. Road Access 2. Cargo movement updates 3. Storage Service(s) update 4. AOB

1. Road Access

- The Northern road from Maiduguri to Monguno has experienced several Illegal Vehicle Check Points (IVCPs) but is currently accessible for humanitarians without armed escorts.
- The North-Western road up to Damasak is accessible and escorts were being arranged by the Logistics Sector based on partners' requests. This role has been transferred to OCHA. However, the security situation in Damasak is currently under review.
- The Western road to Damaturu is accessible with no escort required.

- The South-Western road to Damboa is currently inaccessible without escort. Humanitarians are recommended to take the longer road that pass by Bama and Pulka for reasons of insecurity.
- The Southern road is accessible without escort until Banki Junction.
- The North-Eastern road to Rann is accessible with escort. However, the availability of escorts from Dikwa to Ngala is currently irregular.
- Roads from Pulka to Gwoza, Gwoza to Madagali, Madagali to Damboa are accessible without escort. Regular patrols are carried out on that route by the Millitary, especially between Pulka and Gwoza.

2. Cargo Movement Update

- Discussion with the Nigerian Armed Forces (NAF) for the provision of escorts from Maiduguri to Monguno have been initiated by OCHA following the request made by humanitarian organizations. A date of movement is currently being discussed.
- The request of an armed escort to Damasak has been forwarded to the NAF and is being planned. However, since the last security events most of the organisations have pulled out from Damasak. The organisations that are still interested in the convoy are requested to contact the Logistics Sector.
- Armed escorts must be used as a last resort solution.

3. Storage Service(s) Update

Monguno (Managed by Solidarite International)

- Since the 2 March 2021, 8 partners have been provided with storage services and 1179.946 m3 of cargo have been stored. 25% of the storage capacity remains available.
- The internet equipments have been upgraded to improve internet access, warehouse's drainages have been cleaned up and the worn-out bolts and nuts of the Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) has been fixed.
- Challenges have been faced regarding insecurity. Many partner organisations have withdrawn their staffs.

Ngala (Managed by EHealth Africa)

- Since the 2 March 2021, 5 partners have been provided with storage services and 523.394m3 of cargo have been stored. 5% of the storage capacity remains available.
- New inverter batteries have been installed, tower roofs are being repaired and the construction of a timber shed is being finalised.
- An increase in storage services requests has been observed for the last few weeks and the capacity may be insufficient. The 24*10 MSU needs to be extended.
- The Millitary will be redistributed to the back of the warehouse. They will need an exit door at the back of the warehouse.
- Discussions are ongoing with the government authorities on the use of the site.

Bama (Managed by Salient)

- Since the 2 March 2021, 7 partners have been provided with storage services, 197.492m3 of cargo have been received and 348.555m3 have been released. 15% of the storage capacity remains available.
- Maintenance has been carried out including the renovation of cracked floor and the reconstruction of the culvert to facilitate trailer movement in the warehouse.
- An increase in the storage requests has been observed, consisting mainly of WASH related consignment in preparation for the rainy season. Partners having cargo stored in the warehouse for a long period of time are required to facilitate distribution to avail storage capacity for preparedness and prepositioning purposes.
- The security situation in Bama remains volatile.

Banki (Managed by Intersos)

- Since the 2 March 2021, 6 partners have been provided with storage services, 793.491m3 of cargo have been received and 967.527m3 have been released. 129.987mt and 747.275m3 of cargo are currently stored. There is no available storage capacity.
- The arrival of returnees from Cameroon is expected to raise the number of storage requests from humanitarian organisations. The MSU and timber shed are filled to capacity and finding additional storage facilities within the community remains a challenge.
- The Generator has been serviced and the radiator has been washed.
- A concrete floor is being constructed to prevent infestation of reptiles during the rainy season.
- The security situation has been deteriorated since the arrival of returnees and a contingency plan has been elaborated.

Dikwa (Managed by ACTED)

- Since the 2 March 2021, 3 Partners have been provided with storage services and 244.948m3 of cargo has been stored. 8% of the storage capacity remains available.
- Since the 1 March 2021 attack event in Dikwa, the security situation has been deteriorated and activities have significantly reduced.

Damasak (Managed by ACTED)

- Since the 2 March 2021, 3 partners have been provided with storage services and 129.411m3 of cargo has been received.
- On 10 April 2021, an attack on Damasak has resulted in the destruction of the warehouse, being entirely burnt. The items that were stored have been destroyed and ACTED is currently coordinating with partners on the reporting of losses.

- The security situation will be reassessed and the rehabilitation of the common storage facilities will be under discussion.

Maiduguri (Managed by PUI)

- PUI is providing air cargo consolidation services in Maiduguri. Since the 2 March 2021, 6 partners have been provided with storage services, representing 2.46m3 of cargo, transport to the airport has been provided to 16 partners, representing 9.597m3 of cargo.
- An increasing amount of cargo is being requested for transportation by helicopter to UNHAS for reasons of an increasingly volatile security situation and road access challenges.
- However, UNHAS has limited capacity in terms of number of flights and available space capacity for cargo in each flight, depending on the number of passengers. Despite this, UNHAS has been trying to accommodate all cargo movement requests received.

4. AOB

- The Logistics Sector ConOps will be reviewed in order to re-assess gaps and needs through a collaborative exercise including all partners.
- A survey will be shared on the bullwhip effect for COVID19 supplies, enabling the identification of organisations having exceeding or lacking capacity.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 04 May 2021 at 10:00.

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