



PNG Earthquake Response Logistics Working Group Meeting Minutes (20 June 2018)

CHAIR: Logistics Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: UNOCHA; IOM; World Vision; Oil Search; PNG Defence Force; WFP

ACTION POINTS: • Organisation to update the planned and completed cargo status in the Humanitarian Cargo Matrix.

AGENDA:

1. Logistics Updates
2. Organisational Updates
3. Any Other Business

Logistics Updates

- World Vision/WASH cluster – emergency phase has concluded and the cluster has moved into the recovery phase. In the coming days, they would like to distribute approximately 800 water tanks. A new consultant has been hired to oversee this distribution – they will work with the Cluster to develop a longer term recovery strategy.
- WFP has officially finished its operation in Moro despite challenges. WFP have emptied the mobile storage unit (MSU) which contained items including IOM kits, UNICEF's school in a box (SIB). Any items that were unable to be distributed were sent to Mt Hagen. The MSU is due to be dismantled – these will then be handed over to the Emergency Controller's (ECO) and to the Resident Coordinator's office to be used in future emergencies.
- The Logistics Working Group (LWG) will remain operational to support partners operating in PNG with common logistics services through coordination and information management related to the storage and transport of relief cargo until 31 August 2018. The Logistics Working Group will consist of one Coordinator, one Logistics Officer, and one Information Management officer and will be based in the Emergency Controller's office. The Coordinator is due to arrive in country on 24 June.

Security Update

- Southern Highland Province: underlying political current with the unrest that has occurred in the province. Threat groups are resorting to roadblocks and demanding compensation. Opportunists are utilizing the current environment to conduct various crimes along the main supply route.
- It is likely that the Poroma to Nipa Area will be of concern for the near future. Although a State of Emergency has been established, threat groups will continue to use existing tactics, techniques and procedures of road blocks, car-jacking and looting of transported cargo.
- Hela: Road blocks and demand for compensation have been reported Idawi Junction in Angore. The Tagali Bridge has been blocked by fallen trees and a total of 13 machineries have been destroyed at Angore. Road block by Sai'Apa and gangs (gangs who stole police weapons early in the year) in support of ATALA (a land owner group).
- It is likely that the threat groups will continue to conduct road blocks in the local area of influence and that the Sai'Apa group will conduct its activities as it has been legitimized by the ATALA group. It is assessed that the threat group will conduct roadblocks in order to disrupt supplies into project areas and further strengthen its legitimacy within the local population. It could be possible that the threat group could utilize kidnappings to further their agenda, as they have used this tactic in the past

Access:

- Tari airport closed indefinitely. The government team will fly to Kiuinga on 21 June to continue the distribution of food items (approximately 50 mt of rice, corn beef) till 27 June. The second mission will go to Gulf and Western provinces with 190 mt of food items, respectively. One hundred and twenty-five water tanks will be on a separate barge, to the same two provinces – the EC's office has requested to mobilise platoons to support the plumbing of these tanks as well as other basic needs in these areas.

Organization updates:

- IOM currently have the following orders in their pipeline – 800 community reconstruction kits; IDP kits; 2,000 care centre kits including wash; 2,000 aqua kits and jericans. IOM is planning to request assistance from the LWG for storage of these materials.
- The warehouse in Mt Hagen is run by PNGDF and is supported by the LWG. Requests for storage are being accepted, however, storage days should not exceed thirty.



- UNOCHA – mission currently underway to clear Mendi to resume operations there. If given the green signal, UN agencies will head there to plan for the upcoming World Bank mission.
- A total of USD 30k worth of vaccines for children under five were lost when looters lit up an Air Niugini plane in Mendi. Operations have since been halted in the area. UNICEF are looking to procure these same vaccines urgently (it is currently not available in PNG) to start their vaccine campaign.

Any Other Business

- MAF has limited availability within their normal operations to assist with earthquake relief flying with 50% cost reduction, funded by NZAID. MAF have designated days each month for this and booking will be taken on a first come first served basis. To request for the services Booking Request Form needs to be filled out and submit via email to Siobhain Cole - siobhain.cole@mafint.org. Booking request form can be found at: [MAF/NZAID Subsidised Air Transport Booking Request Form](#). For more information: [MAF/NZAID Subsidised Air Transport Booking Instructions](#).
- Information on commodities and quantities can be found on the online Humanitarian Cargo Information Sheet: <https://tinyurl.com/ybf624a7>. Organisations are kindly reminded to update their planned cargo.

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