Operation Overview, September 2021
Bangladesh - Rohingya Response

Highlights

- As previously communicated to partners, storage services provided by the Logistics Sector in Balukhali, Leda and Unchiprang hubs ceased on 30 September 2021. The Balukhali hub has been handed over to the World Food Programme. HI-Atlas will provide ongoing storage in Leda and Unchiprang hubs to partners, upon request and as available, until the end of December 2021.
- Free common storage remains available in the Madhu Chara hub (1000 m³) for maximum 90 days’ period.
- Representatives from the Logistics Sector accompanied the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) delegation from Australia on visit to Madhu Chara hub, highlighting common services and Logistics Sector emergency responses to fire and flood.
- A mid-year Satisfaction Survey was carried out: it shows that 95% of the respondents considered the Coordination of the Logistics Sector “good” or “very good”, 100% of the respondents considered the Information Management of the Sector “good” or “very good” and 95% of the respondents rated the common services facilitated by the Sector as “good” or “very good”.

Background

In 2021, the Logistics Sector will continue working with partners to address common logistics gaps and challenges in Cox’s Bazar and ensure an efficient humanitarian response. The Rohingya Response Strategy will maintain its focus on (I) strengthening collaboration amongst international and national partners, (II) synchronising logistics decisions, (III) producing and sharing key information, and (IV) facilitating access to common logistics services to support partners’ logistics operations. In the lead-up to the monsoon and ensuing cyclone seasons, the Logistics Sector focuses its efforts on preparedness activities, planning, and reinforcing partner capacities to support effective decision making, the Logistics Sector provides technical logistics advice and access to storage facilities to the organisations facing supply chain challenges.
Coordination & information management

- In September, a regular Coordination Meeting was organised where 16 participants from 15 organisations were in attendance. Now that Covid, fire and flood responses are over, the focus of the coordination meetings is shifting towards capacity-strengthening and emergency preparedness. The Log Sector is also trying to increase Partners’ interactions and support them with the storage and transport plans for 2022.
- In an effort to centralise information and make it available to all, the Log Sector has also published four products on the Logistics Sector website in September, including a map showing the effect of Flood on Road Access, an Operation Overview for the month of August, the related Infographics, and the Meeting Minutes of the last Coordination meeting.
- As the road constructions keep evolving in the camps, the Logistics Sector is currently updating the Access Road Assessment Map. 28 camps have been assessed and 6 are remaining.
- Ines Gerbault has joined the Logistics Sector as Information Management Officer, replacing Priya Pradhanang since 19 September 2021.

Logistics services

- In September, 217 m³ of relief items were received into common storage on behalf of four organisations making it a total of 2,674 m³ (995 mt) relief items stored on behalf of 17 organisations in Madhu Chara, Balukhali, Unchiprang and Teknaf hubs. Items stored include tarpaulins, canopies tents, jerry cans, cement, bookshelves, school benches and face masks.
- Between October 2017 and September 2021, the Logistics Sector received a total of 52,329 m³ (19,691 mt) relief items on behalf of 45 organisations.
- Free common storage remains available in the Madhu Chara hub (1000 m³).
- Several generators on loan to Partners were returned to the Logistics Sector.
Emergency Preparedness and Capacity Building

- Help Logistics Asia – a program of the Kühne Foundation – has conducted an introduction call on the Online Training on Medical Logistics in Pandemics on 13 September. The training is ongoing and can be completed within four weeks. Partners have been notified about the details of the training via email.
- The Logistics Sector organised a two-day Gender Mainstreaming Training in Logistics, in collaboration with the Gender hub where 12 participants from five organisations were in attendance.
- HI-Atlas organised seven trainings: three Cyclone Preparedness Drills, a Conveyor Training, a Procurement Training, a Stock Management & Cargo Handling Training and a Transport Management Training.

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