
Highlights

- Activities during the quarter were largely constrained due to the COVID-19 control measures established by the government.
- An online Emergency Preparedness Operation and Capacity Strengthening Workshop was held in September 2021. The workshop was jointly led by UNICEF, UNOCHA, and the government's Department of Civil Protection (DoCP).
- A meeting of the Zimbabwe National Logistics Sector (ZMLS) was held on 26 August 2021.

Background

The Field Based Preparedness Project started in Zimbabwe in February 2020 and is co-led by the Department of Civil Protection (DoCP) and the World Food Programme (WFP). Its objective is to enable a coordinated and proactive approach towards improving local supply chain resilience in Zimbabwe. The Logistics Preparedness Expert's mission to set up the Project foundations ended in December 2020. A National Logistics Preparedness Officer has subsequently been appointed to continue the collaboration endeavour with DoCP.

The situation in-country since the second quarter remained largely the same with few in-person activities due to the government lockdown measures implemented to limit the COVID-19 propagation. Online engagement with various stakeholders was maintained.

Coordination

Various inter-cluster coordination meetings and two joint workshops were held in preparation for the flood season. The online national workshops were useful in improving the capacity to ensure readiness for rapid on-set emergencies, including floods, and to effectively address cross cutting issues such as Disability Inclusion and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. The workshops were well attended by over 200 people with representation from humanitarian partners, government, private sector, and academia.

Information Management

The National Logistics Preparedness Officer supported the Logistics Services Market Assessment (LSMA) and review of the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA).

Advocacy and Capacity Strengthening

The warehouse management training for government officers could not be conducted due to the COVID-19 restrictions and unavailability of government officers. As conditions were eased towards the end of the quarter, the training has been rescheduled to take place on 26-27 October 2021, prior to the flood season.

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