Highlights

- A survey is ongoing to assess the satisfaction level of the Logistics Sector’s service users in 2021. Feedback can be given until January 12, 2022 at the following link.
- The new Coordinator has been identified and is currently in-progress with HR. The current Coordinator is due to leave on 8 February 2022.
- The Humanitarian Joint Response Plan (JRP) 2022, gathering all Sectors inputs has been finalised by ISCG and publication is expected towards the end of February 2022.
- Free common storage is available at the Madhu Chara hub for a maximum of 30 days and until 31 March 2022 only. Partners have been requested to remove their cargo. Beyond 31 March 2022, partners in need of storage space shall contact HI-Atlas or WFP. Please be informed services might be charged for.
- In an effort to empower partners and share resources, 20 containers, 6 MSUs and 1 prefab unit have been donated by the Logistics Sector to 12 different partners, who have been using these items on long term loan.

Background

Since August 2017, an estimated 762,000 Rohingya have fled into Cox’s Bazar, following the deterioration of the situation between the Rohingya population in Rakhine State and Myanmar authorities. This, coupled with the existing refugee populations, has put the total caseload at approximately 1.35 million people in need of humanitarian assistance (878,000 refugees combined with a host community population of 472,000).

The size and complexity of the operation requires a well-integrated and coherent inter-agency response. This is even more critical given the uncertainties surrounding the possibility for the return of the affected population to Myanmar in the short-to-medium term, as well as the high risks of natural disasters and the continuing effects and restrictions related to COVID 19.

As part of the government-led humanitarian response, the Logistics Sector therefore supports the humanitarian community in Cox’s Bazar with coordination, information management, and logistics services, addressing the specific logistics needs of the humanitarian community in collaboration with the local authorities, humanitarian partners, Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), and other key stakeholders.

Coordination & information management

- In December, 24 organisations participated to the Sector monthly Coordination Meeting. The training and storage plans for 2022 were presented, an update was given on the development of the Log:ie platform and the initial steps taken to improve the environmental impacts of Logistics. The meeting minutes can be found here.
- As road construction continues in the camps, the Logistics Sector is currently updating the Access Road Assessment Map. The Access Road Assessment (ARA) data collection has been completed with 34 camps assessed. An updated road map will be published shortly.

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1 UNHCR operational data portal, as of 30 Nov 2021: https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/myanmar_refugees

- The Sector has published a blog featuring Uttam Das, talking about his experience as a Logistics Associate for the Sector in Bangladesh.
- In an effort to increase NGO awareness about the Logistics Sector, the Sector gave a second presentation to the NGO Platform which currently has 92 members including local, national and international NGOs. Interest was shown for Log.ie (the access constraint reporting tool) and NGOs will be invited to the upcoming trainings.
- A survey is currently open to assess the satisfaction level of the Logistics Sector’s service users in 2021. Feedback can be given until January 12, 2022 at the following link.
- The recruitment of new Coordinator is ongoing, as the current Coordinator is due to leave in February 2022.
- The Humanitarian Joint Response Plan (JRP) 2022, gathering all Sectors inputs has been finalised by ISCG and is being reviewed by the Senior Executive Group and representatives of the Government of Bangladesh in Dhaka. Publication is expected towards the end of February 2022.
- A first meeting on how to improve environmental practices in Logistics/Supply chain operations has been held with a few partners. A questionnaire will be sent out early next year to understand the current practices and areas for improvement.

**Logistics services**

- In December, 175 m³ relief items were received for storage at the Madhu Chara hub, bringing the volume of relief items stored to a total of 895 m³ on behalf of nine organisations. More than 50 percent of the items are related to Education activities.
- Free common storage remains available in the Madhu Chara hub for a maximum of 30 days and until 31 March 2022 only. Partners have been requested to remove their cargo. Beyond 31 March 2022, partners in need of storage space shall contact HI-Atlas or WFP. Please be informed services might be charged for.
- In an effort to empower partners and share resources, 20 containers, six MSUs and one prefab unit have been donated by the Logistics Sector to 12 different partners.
- With the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions in the camps, the vehicle QR code scanning at checkpoints ceased in mid-December. The humanitarian organisations operating in the camps are however still required to apply for RRRC clearance using the following link: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/a3472e9c7ab84ccbab11c68f47bd232d.
Cargo release from the Madhu Chara Logistics Hub.
Photo Credit: Uttam Das/Logistics Sector

Capacity Strengthening

- In December, HI-Atlas facilitated five trainings on behalf of the Logistics Sector, for a total of 16 organisations and 67 people. These trainings were conducted in collaboration with HI-Atlas and included a Cyclone preparedness drill, a Stock management training, a Gesture & posture training as well as two Conveyors trainings.
- A two-day workshop was also organised to develop Logistic Sector staff skills and enhance their career paths.
Cyclone Preparedness Drill run by HI-Atlas on behalf of the Logistics Sector.

Photo credit: Monsur Alam/HI-Atlas

Skills development workshop run by the Logistics Sector.

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