LOCATION  
Lilongwe, Malawi (online meeting)

DATE  
9th February 2021

CHAIR  
Patrick Mills Lamptey (WFP - National Logistics Cluster Coordinator), on behalf of Herbert Chingati (Under Secretary - Ministry of Transport and Public Works - MoTPW)

PARTICIPANTS  
USAID, GHSC – PSM, FAO, Concern Worldwide, Save The Children, GOAL Malawi, World Food Programme

ACTION POINTS  
• Partners to make available trained staff for the setting up of MSUs (to assist on a voluntary basis)
• Partners to communicate their interest in technical trainings
• The National Logistics Cluster to update on the intended rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine in Malawi
• Partners to channel support requests for transportation and storage via the National Logistics Cluster and to communicate their organisation’s needs
• The National Logistics Cluster to update on the COVID-19 Response Plan
• Partners to provide feedback on the Draft COVID-19 Response Plan
• Partners to submit the online form on their storage capacity

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AGENDA

1. Recap of the Previous Meeting
   • Testing & laboratory capacities significantly augmented in the country
   • COVID-19 strain from South Africa confirmed in Malawi
   • Order of Astra Zeneca vaccine doses: distributions to start in March
   • COVID-19 Draft Response Plans to be submitted by all national clusters
   • 2021 National Logistics Cluster COVID-19 Response Plan to include:
     ▪ Tent installation
     ▪ Deployment of container labs
     ▪ Storage support
     ▪ Transport services of relief items
     ▪ Technical logistical support and trainings
   • Container lab site assessments took place in Karonga, Mchinji and Chitipa

2. General Covid-19 Updates
   • African Union to play a critical role in the fight against COVID-19
   • Astra Zeneca vaccine chosen because of its relative efficiency (60-70%) and its affordability ($ 4 per dose)
   • Astra Zeneca vaccine requires two doses
   • Rollout of the Astra Zeneca vaccine discontinued in South Africa
   • Preventive measures remain key to control the spread of infections

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3. Draft COVID-19 Response Plan

- All national clusters to submit draft response plans that are revised considering the rising COVID-19 cases in Malawi
- Proposal for the plan to cover the whole year instead of 6 months
- The plan to contain similar contents as last year, but at larger scale

Draft COVID-19 National Logistics Cluster Preparedness & Response Plan to include:

- Tent installation for screening, treatment, and isolation purposes (overall needs in all districts: 80; immediate needs: over 30)
- Deployment of container labs
- Storage support to Ministry of Health & partners
- Transport services of relief items from central stores to health facilities
- Information management support to be handed over to the government
- Technical logistical support/trainings to logistics humanitarian actors:
  - Warehouse and inventory management trainings
  - Coordination meetings
  - MSU/tent installation trainings
  - Logistics capacity assessments including cold chain warehouse mapping and needs assessments
- In-person technical/logistical trainings in planning under the compliance to COVID-19 protocols

4. National Response Updates

- Current funding situation:
  - Shortage of funding: $1.05m required for the National Logistics Cluster to continue providing its services to the beneficiaries
  - $195,000 received from the Government of Iceland
  - To advocate for more funding from the donor community

- Key logistics services provided in the past week:
  - Provision of 1 more MSU to MSF to be used as staff quarters at QECH in Blantyre
  - Support to FAO with the storage and transportation of laundry soap
  - Completion of the container lab site assessment in Dedza and Muloza

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- **Weekly Priorities:**
  - Completion of the COVID-19 National Logistics Cluster Response Plan
  - Finalization of the MSU prioritization list
  - Organisation of technical trainings for the setting up of MSUs

- **42 organisations supported**

5. **LCA Update**

- Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) update on the following chapters:
  - Warehouses & storage
  - Road networks & waterways
  - Airports & customs
  - Fuel
  - Food suppliers, other markets, and accommodation
  - Contact list
- Current version of the LCA: [https://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Malawi](https://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Malawi)
- Partners to fill in the form on their storage capacity via KoBo: [https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/KDKmJ4tr](https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/KDKmJ4tr)

6. **Lean Season Response Updates**

- Dispatches to Mangochi district have reached 78% of the allocated tonnage for December & January
- December, January & February dispatches to Blantyre district have been completed
- February dispatches to the remaining 20 districts are waiting for the issuance of Authority To Collect (ATCs) and approved distribution plans
- Commodity tracking trainings approved to start

7. **AOB**

- Please remember to refer to the Malawi Logistics Cluster webpage for COVID-19 flight SOPs & FAQ at [https://logcluster.org/countries/MWI](https://logcluster.org/countries/MWI)
- For MSU (tent) support requests, please use the online form
- Remember to email malawi.covid19@wfp.org for free-to-user logistics support
- Free to use trainings are available on the GLC Learning Channel [https://logcluster.org/countries/MWI](https://logcluster.org/countries/MWI)
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