



## LOGISTICS SECTOR COORDINATION MEETING

**Location:** Online meeting on Microsoft Team

**Date:** 11 July 2025

**Participants:** Action Contre la Faim (ACF), Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanity & Inclusion (HI), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Lutheran World, Malteser, Médecins du Monde, Myanmarpositive Group, Myanmar Health Assistant Association (Myanmar HAA), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), People in Need, Premier Urgence Myanmar, Rescue, Save the Children International (SCI), Center For Social Integrity (CSI Global), Terre des Hommes (TDH), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP), World Vision International (WVI)

### Meeting agenda

1. **Port and Custom Clearance challenges**
2. **Updates on inland transport among humanitarian agencies**
3. **Sharing of current market situation**
4. **Update on routes/movement restrictions**
5. **Review the draft TOR for Logistics Sector Coordination**
6. **Partners updates**
7. **AOB**

#### 1. Port and Custom Clearance challenges

- UNICEF reports no significant customs clearance issues, provided agencies obtain necessary Tax Exemption Certificate (TEC) from Foreign Economic Relations Department (FERD). However, TEC approvals are increasingly lengthy as ministries now require detailed distribution plan and partner profiles, for those operating through partners, before granting authorization.
- WFP notes no difficulty in TEC and customs approvals for food items, but stricter oversight for non-food items.
- There have been no major changes in Travel Authorization (TA) approval or the food movement. However, it should be noted that the TA for Sittwe was granted after some delays. Only one-month TA validity is granted while the additional approval layers are still required.
- Severe connectivity difficulties in Myitkyina and Rakhine State are hampering communication. Exploring options to identify a reliable internet connection is necessary.
- Recent mission last month, the Kachin convoy encountered several checkpoints along the routes from Yangon to Myitkyina, leading to increased



transit time and additional costs. This challenge is affecting operational efficiency.

## 2. Updates on Inland Transport

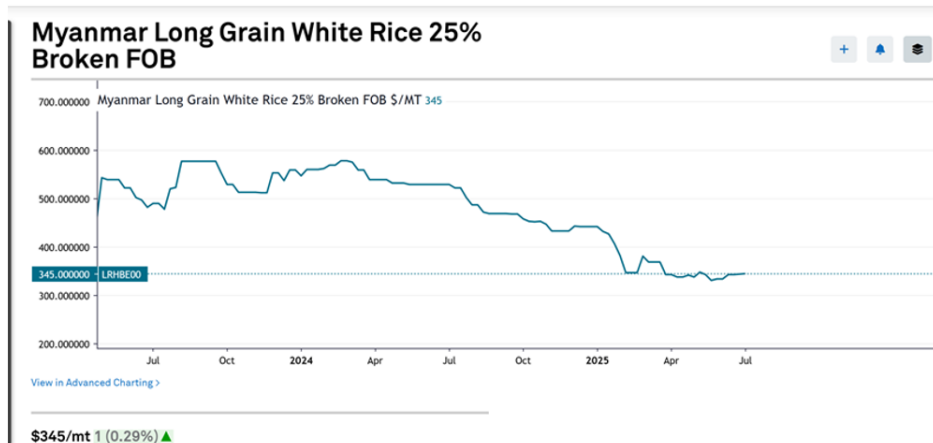
- **Rakhine Region:** There is still no road or waterway access to Buthidaung and Maungdaw. In Sittwe waterway transport has improved, but roads remain inaccessible. WFP holds valid TA for food transport and continues deliveries via waterway.
- **Myitkyina:** Last month, food and non-food items were delivered from Yangon through a joint UN transport arrangement. A third convoy is planned for the coming months.
- **Kayah Region (Loikaw):** The operation in Loikaw was since 15 November 2023 and continues. Lashio has experienced a similar shutdown since last year.
- **Sagaing, Magway, Pakkokku and Mandalay:** Despite ongoing transport challenges, WFP can deliver food to certain locations. However, Chin area remains inaccessible.
- **Other regions:** TA are granted up to Taunggyi and surrounding areas for food delivery, and for Mon and Kayin States, Tanintharyi region on a case-by-case basis.

## 3. Current market situation

- Reference to published prices of Myanmar Rice Organization, price for standard quality Shwebo Pawsan rice is fixed at MMK 150,000/bag while low quality Emahta, 25% Broken rice costs MMK 57500/bag.

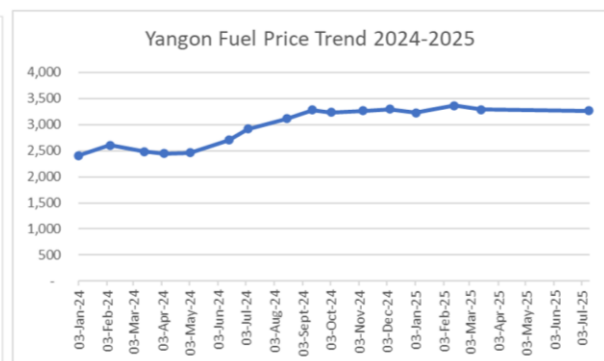
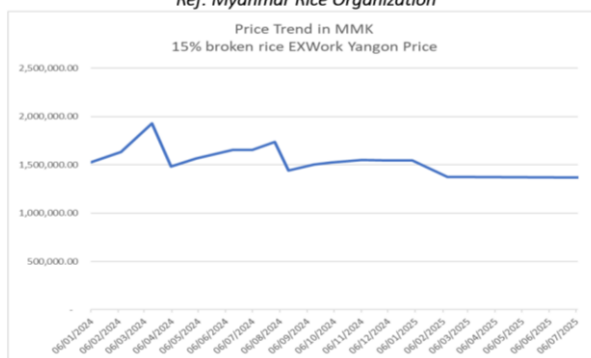
Type of rice	Spec	Price Per bag	Price per MT (MMK)
Shwebo Pawsan	108 Lbs/ 24 Pyi	150,000	3,055,556
Emahta, 25% Broken rice	108 Lbs/ 24 Pyi	57,500	1,171,296

- Based on the price tracking on Platts connect website, the cost of **25% broken rice at FOB Yangon price** decreased by 7%, around USD 24/MT, from USD 369 per MT to USD 345 per MT, if compared to the prices of the 1st quarter of 2025.



- According to Myanmar Rice Organization, the cost of **15% broken rice for ExWork Yangon price** decreased by 0.34%, from USD 328 per MT in March to USD 327 per MT.
- **Premium diesel price** in Yangon market decreased around 1% from MMK 3,285/litre to 3,265/litre compared to the 1st quarter.

Rice, 15% Broken, ExWork Yangon  
Ref: Myanmar Rice Organization



- WFP offers procurement services to humanitarian partners through UNHRD and external suppliers' networks and regular operations, WFP conducted at least six ethical procurement trainings for partners.
- As Provider of Last Resort, WFP manages emergency fuel reservations and allows other UN agencies to piggyback on CBT services.
- In response to the Mandalay earthquake, WFP introduced a value-voucher programme, aiding 15760 people and enabling them to choose items based on their needs. This also fostered collaboration and partnerships between humanitarian organizations and local businesses.

#### 4. Update on routes/movement restrictions

- Mandalay~Myotha~Myingyan route is currently inaccessible.
- Mandalay~Natogyi~Myingyan road is unavailable for use.



- Express Way from mile 293 through Mahlaing~Taungtha, to Myingyan road is considered unsafe.
- Express Way at 285 miles- connecting ~Kyaukpadaung to ~Nyaung-U remains accessible.
- The routh from Nyaung-U to Chauk is neither safe nor accessible. However, the alternate route via Nyaung-U ~ Kyaukpadung ~ Gway Cho ~ Chauk is currently open.
- While the routes between Yenanchaung and Magway are accessible, travels are not advised after 4:00 PM.
- Deliveries in Ngathayauk, the sub-township and areas around the Nyaung-U Township should proceed with caution.
- The road between Kyodone and Kawkareik is temporarily closed due to ongoing conflict.
- Pyin Oo Lwin ~Nawngkhio~Kyaukme~Lashio is currently inaccessible.
- Lawsawk~Kyauku~Namlan~Nawngnum~Lashio road segment is currently closed because of heavy rain and dirt road condition. The road is the shortest road among these three available.
- Taunggyi~Laihka~Mongkung~Kyethi~Mongyai~Nampawng~Lashio road is the longest option, but it remains open and accessible.

## **5. Review the draft TOR for Logistics Sector Coordination**

- The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Logistics Sector Coordination Group is currently under review and is expected to be finalized and circulated in August 2025, following the arrival of WFP's new Head of Supply Chain.

## **6. Partners Update**

- Save the Children continues to face supply chain challenges similar to those experienced by other agencies, including market conditions, access constraints, and the need for approvals from various stakeholders based on operational activities.
- The organization collaborates with local partners such as Civil Society Organization (CSO) and Community Based Organization (CBO) of varying capacities to ensure compliance and effective delivery, but limited partners in some areas presents operational risks that must be carefully managed.
- WFP will complete an emergency operation in Mandalay after the end of July, some agencies are shifting to recovery programmes.
- UNICEF also completing emergency responses in Mandalay and Sagaing but will continue recovery efforts there and in Myanmar's Earthquake-affected areas.



## 7. AOB

- The next country level logistics sector coordination meeting is scheduled for the second week of August 2025.

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