



LOGISTICS SECTOR COORDINATION MEETING

Location: Online

Date: 15 August 2025

Participants: Action Contre la Faim (ACF), Center for Social Integrity (CSI), Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Médecins du Monde (MDM), Myanmar Positive Group (MPG), Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), Save the Children (SCI), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision

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

Introduction

Munna @ Saka Bahadur, Myanmar Logistics Sector Coordination lead, welcomed participants to the meeting and introduced WFP new Head of Supply Chain, Salvador Peña. Salvador highlighted the openness to collaboration and seeking opportunities to engage agency to strengthen the response efforts in Myanmar.

Key highlights

1. Port and Custom Clearance challenges

- UNICEF highlighted that Tax Exemption Certificate (TEC) application is required from all UN agencies as usual to the Foreign Economic Relations Department (FERD) through its line ministries. The approval time from FERD remains lengthy due to some requirements including the details of distribution plan by the NGOS.
- UNICEF continued updating that port and customs clearance are proceeding normally at both the port and airport. They noted recent container price



changes due to the current political turmoil and economic situation in country, with updates on pricing provided by the container truck association.

- WFP confirmed no TEC requests pending now as most items are food-related and customs clearance is proceeding smoothly. All UN agencies reported that non-food items like telecommunication equipment, remains restricted by FERD and cannot be imported.

2. Updates on Inland Transport

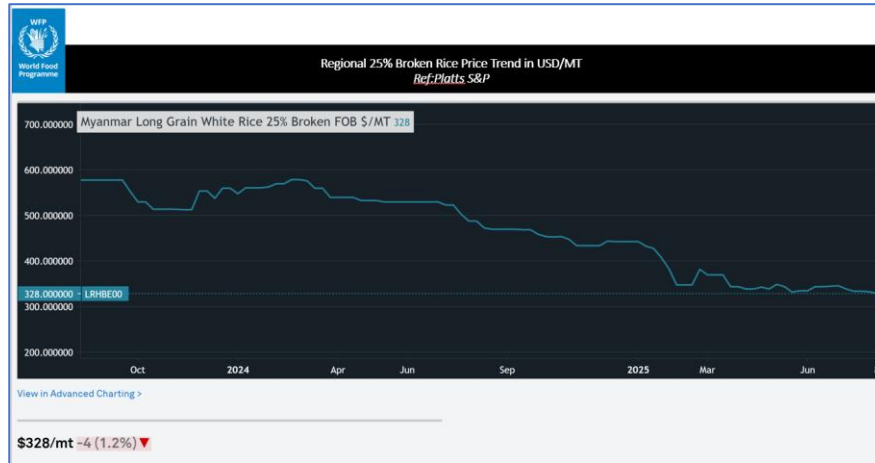
- **Rakhine Region** currently has no access to Buthidaung and Maungdaw. Waterway transport to Sittwe has improved, but roads remain unstable, so deliveries continue by water with valid Travel Authorisation (TA).
- **Kachin State:** As a regular routine, the TA for Myitkyina, Bhamaw & Winemaw is required, and TA is applied by OCHA and transportation is facilitated by WFP.
- **Kayah Region (Loikaw)** operation was completely shut down since November 2023 and remains unchanged in the country under the current situation.
- **Northwest Area** (Magway, Pakokku, Chin, Mandalay, and Sagaing Region): WFP delivered food except in the Chin due to transport issues. In Mandalay, the Government Administrative Department (GAD) officials checked WFP trucks at Swel Daw Hi-Way Truck Terminal, even with valid TA for Sagaing shipments.
- **Shan State:** As updated last month, the regular route Mandalay-Kyaukme-Lashio remains inaccessible. Therefore, access must be rerouted via Taunggyi-Langkho-Mong Yai-Lashio. Commercial operations along this alternate route are functioning at a limited scale compared to the regular route.
- **Kachin, Mon and Tanintharyi State:** TA has been granted on a case-by-case basis, requiring WFP to provide detailed truck lists and delivery plan.

3. Current market situation

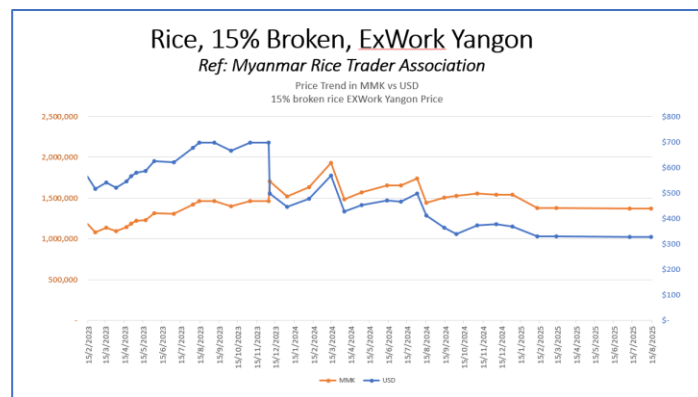
- Reference to the published prices of the Myanmar Rice Traders Association: the price for standard quality Shwebo Pawsan rice is fixed at MMK 150,000 per bag, while Emahta 25% Broken rice price indicates at MMK 58,500 per bag.

Type of rice	Specification	Price Per bag	Price per MT (MMK)
Shwebo Pawsan	108 <u>Lbs</u> / 24 Pyi	150,000	3,055,556
Emahta, 25% Broken rice	108 Lbs/ 24 Pyi	58,500	1,171,296

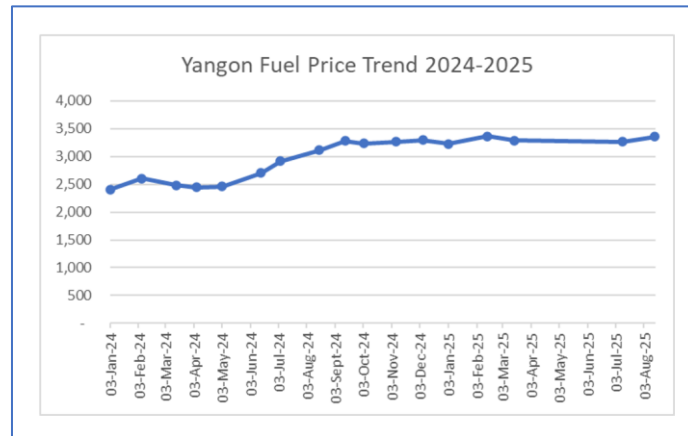
- Based on the price tracking on Platts Connect website, the cost of 25% broken rice at FOB Yangon price decreased around 5%, from USD 345 per MT to USD 328 per MT, if compared to July.



- In Asia region, FOB 25% broken rice price of Pakistan is the lowest and followed by Thailand and Myanmar.
- The cost of **15% broken rice for ExWork Yangon price decreased** 0.36%, from USD 327.09 /MT in July, to USD 325.92.



- According to the Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar exported 845,376 tons of rice and broken rice in the first four months of the 2025-26 fiscal year. Rice exports mainly depend on sea trade, while only small volumes were exported to neighbouring countries via border points.



- **Premium diesel price** in Yangon market increased 3% from MMK 3,265/litre to 3,355/litre compared to July. The Central Bank of Myanmar announced on 13 August that it would sell US\$32 million to those engaged in the fuel oil sector. [Source](#)

4. Update on routes/movement restrictions

- Current developments confirm that checkpoint enforcement in Mudon has become more stringent, while other locations may still be operating under previously reported conditions. Further updates are expected at the next meeting.

5. Review the draft TOR for Logistics Sector Coordination

- The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Logistics Sector Coordination Group are currently under review.

6. Partners Update

- ICRC updated about whether they remain interested in keeping contingency stock in the Taunggyi area, if any space becomes available in the future.
- DRC shared on social media and some suppliers provided feedback. The government announced restrictions on 36 items, which may delay their arrival in country. Currently, there are no significant operational issues, and most activities are proceeding as planned, but the importation across the Myanmar Thai border could be impacted. [Source 1](#) [Source 2](#)
- SCI updated about the increased checkpoints in Mandalay and Sagaing, especially between Yangon and Mandalay. The authorization letter required at the checkpoints for transporting NFI items and medical Kit.
- UNICEF is aware that WFP's Hpa-An warehouse space is available, as it has been assessed by other agencies for potential additional needs and is now under consideration for 2026. If WFP arranges transportation from Yangon to Sittwe,



UNICEF has indicated interest in participating, as they have TA for Rakhine but are experiencing difficulties in securing boat transport.

- UNHCR reported increased TA requirements and restrictions in Mandalay and Sagaing. HCR is open to joint discussions with agencies to address challenges, as each area requires separate TAs and extended checkpoint inspections that can take up a month. They also considered whether convoy support is feasible by securing sufficient storage space in Sagaing.
- SCL mentioned that Mandalay GAD approval is needed before transporting Sagaing NFI. The approval is valid for only one and must be obtained within three days; delays at Swel Daw Terminal may occur, with trucks wait time up to 1.5 hours.

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- WFP will conduct a survey to assess warehouse space requirements in operational areas to determine actual storage needs for 2026.
- UNICEF is exploring joint shipment options to Sittwe due to delays caused by vessel availability. WFP is also facing transport challenges and has launched a new tender for 2,000 MT of rice (only). It can be discussed bilaterally reaching out WFP Head of Supply Chain for further discussion.
- In response to recent news that the National AIDS Programme has issued a directive to temporarily suspend HIV-related activities, WFP is willing to also hear on how partners and agencies plan to manage the movement of food and medical items during this period. This letter also affects HIV/TB programme partners working with WFP.
- Salvador, WFP Head of Supply Chain, stressed the way forward of the group's meeting as it needs to be interactive among partners in sharing information for example, WFP does not handle medicines, but it shares updates here in supporting partner organisations and their advocacy efforts.
- The next country level logistics sector coordination meeting is scheduled for *mid-September 2025*.

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