

Minutes of the “Logistics Coordination Meeting on 22 November 2007

Chairperson: Paul Wyatt, WFP Regional Logistics Coordinator, ODB

Minutes: Akhtarul Islam

Participants: Mariya Tafari, UNICEF, Mustak Hussain, Islamic Relief, Turab Ur Rahman, TNT, A.Z.M Zahidul Islam, TNT, Axel Pustan, WFP, Akhter Hussain, WFP and, M Shafiullah, WFP.

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Person	Briefing/Discussions/Decisions Made
Paul Wyatt	<p>WFP Logistics convened a “ Logistics Coordination” meeting with UN agencies and Partner NGOs at 9:00 hrs in WFP Conference Room on 22 November 2007, the following issues were discussed in the meeting:</p> <p>At the outset, Paul Wyatt welcomed and thanked all the participants for attending the meeting though it was a very short notice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Paul indicated that although there has been no official activation of the logistics cluster, he felt that this Coordination meeting would be helpful to have an understanding to know the current situation regarding on going relief operations being placed by UN agencies and NGOs. • He also informed that as lead Logistics agency, WFP is providing Logistics support to agencies in emergency operation in various countries.
Mostak Hussain, Islamic Relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostak informed that IR has a plan to distribute Rice, Pulses, Veg. Oil, salt, Patato etc among the 13,000 cyclone affected families in Bagerhat and Patuakhali district which have been severely affected by the cyclone. He also informed in the meeting that IR has distributed some NFI i.e; Shari, Lungi sanitary Napkin, Bucket and Tents etc among the 10,000 families in the cyclone affected areas. • He indicated that IR is encountering fund problem to distribute the relief goods in the remotest areas as it involves varied mode of transportation such as: trucks, boat, vans, pushcarts and head loading. • They also need the storage facilities in the affected district Hqs and upazila levels. • In response Paul indicated that if WFP had warehousing/transport facilities at suitable locations, any excess capacity could be made available on a cost-sharing basis.
Mariya Tafari, UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tafari indicated that UNICEF have a plan to distribute BP5 biscuits, Blended Food, Jerry cans, Plastic sheets and Tarpaulins to the cyclone affected victims through NGOs. He also mentioned that UNICEF and WFP have made a tripartite agreement to use WFP’s Logistics facilities on a cost-sharing basis. Under this agreement, in 2005 UNICEF has imported 12,000 MT of blended food, which was handled by WFP including Port clearance, storage and transportation. Further, WFP has arranged storage and transportation of UNICEF imported BP5 biscuits, family kits, plastic sheet and recreation kits at WFP rented warehouse in Lalmonirhat to recent flood affected districts. • He has also expressed that UNICEF is expecting to utilize Logistics facilities from WFP in this operation. • Mr. Tafari indicated that this meeting is very fruitful and effective for smooth relief operations.

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Turab Ur Rahman, TNT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rahman, Country Manager of TNT has shown their keen interest to provide Logistics support to WFP for this emergency operation. • In this regard, he requested information about the volume of goods to be moved and how long it will continue so that he be able to communicate with TNT Hqs to obtain their approval in a very short time. • He indicated that TNT could assist with Air operation, warehousing, Logistics staff and road transport. • In response, Paul informed him that at this moment WFP had an urgent need to move 750 MT of rice from GoB's LSD at Jamalpur to 5 affected districts as quickly as possible. Accordingly, TNT has arranged to deliver the consignment from tomorrow morning and to be completed within 2/3 days.

It was decided in the meeting that the next “Logistics Coordination” meeting will be held at 11:00 hrs on 26 November 2007 in WFP Conference Room.