

Background

In 2019, the Logistics Sector continues to work with partners to address common logistics gaps and challenges in Cox's Bazar, to ensure efficient humanitarian responses. The Rohingya response strategy maintains focus on strengthening collaboration amongst partners, facilitating access to common logistics services, synchronizing logistics decisions, producing and sharing key information and enabling partner's logistics operations. With the upcoming Cyclone season, the Logistics Sector has been focusing its efforts on planning and enforcing capacity-strengthening and preparedness activities. Moreover, to ensure partner's effective decision making, the Logistics Sector provides technical logistics advice to organisations facing supply chain challenges, as they plan to reach the 1.2 million people in need of assistance in Cox's Bazar.



Above: MSU erection and Cyclone Preparedness Drill participants in the training at the Madhu Chara hub.
Left: Balukhali Logistics Hub.

Highlights

- In April, more than 3,397 m³ of relief items were stored in the logistics hubs of Madhu Chara, Balukhali and Teknaf in the Cox's Bazar district. Tents, mattress, plastic mats, fertilizer, gas stoves and jerrycan were stored on behalf of 13 organisations.
- The Logistics Sector storage hub at Balukhali, with a total capacity of 600 m³ is now operational and is fully available to partners, providing them access to three Mobile Storage Units (MSUs).
- 21 participants participated in the second session of the MSU Erection, and 22 participants attended the Cyclone Preparedness Drill training that was held on 7 and 8 April at the Madhu Chara Logistics and Engineering Hub. 17 organisations were represented, including NGOs, INGOs and UN agencies.
- Following this MSU Erection and Cyclone Preparedness Drill training, the Logistics Sector reached a total of 134 participants, from 33 different organisations, trained between January and April 2019.
- The Logistics Sector completed the updated cyclone preparedness plan. Both the Logistics Sector cyclone response plan and the monsoon contingency plans were then shared with the partners.
- The updated Concept of Operations Map, indicating the new Balukhali hub location and the updated camp boundaries was published on the Logistics Sector [website](https://logcluster.org/sector/bangl17).

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- The final adaptations of the Physical Access Constraint Map tool have been ongoing, and the platform is expected to be available for initial use in May.
 - In order to assess the traffic flow within the camps, the second round of the vehicles count exercise was concluded and the results and findings were shared with the partners.

Coordination & Information Management

- The Logistics Sector conducted three sector coordination meetings with partners, and one medical logistics meeting. 33 organisations participated in those meetings, including NNGOs, INGOs and UN agencies.
- A total of six information management products were published and released on the Logistics Sector in April.

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