Operation Overview, June 2019
Bangladesh – Rohingya Response

Operational Highlights

- In June, more than 3485 m³ of relief items were stored in Madhu Chara, Balukhali and Teknaf logistics hubs in the Cox’s Bazar district, on behalf of 17 organisations.
- A Logistics Sector partner warehouse capacity assessment survey was launched. Data will be used to assess the current gaps and reflect storage availability for planning purposes.
- In close collaboration with the Site Maintenance and Engineering Project (SMEP), the Logistics Sector is mapping speed bumps in an effort to control traffic flow inside the camps.

Background

In 2019, the Logistics Sector continues to work with partners to address common logistics gaps and challenges in Cox’s Bazar and ensure an efficient humanitarian response. 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 supporting partners’ logistics operations.

With the upcoming Monsoon season (June-October), the Logistics Sector has been focusing its efforts on planning and reinforcing capacity-strengthening and preparedness activities. Moreover, to support effective decision making, the Logistics Sector provides technical logistics advice to organisations facing supply chain challenges.

Coordination & Information Management

- The Logistics Sector met with the Logistics Emergency Teams (LET) Partners (Agility and UPS) to prepare and finalise material for the upcoming Customs workshop (to take place on July 7). The event is organised by the Logistics Sector and supported by Logistics Emergency Team (LET) partners Agility Bangladesh and UPS.
- The Logistics Sector conducted two logistics coordination meetings with partners, one medical logistics meeting and one pharmacist meeting. 25 organisations were in attendance across the meetings, including NNGOs, INGOs and UN agencies.
- A total of six information management products were published and released on the Logistics Sector page in June.

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The Logistics Sector has launched its 6-monthly partner warehouse capacity assessment survey, to capture any changes in operational storage capacity in the area. The collected data will be presented to partners and used to assess the current gaps and reflect storage availability for planning purposes.

An Expression of Interest for the Supplier Database was published in four different newspapers.

The Logistics Sector has commenced the latest traffic count at five camp entry points, to better understand traffic movements. It’s the seventh traffic count to have taken place in 2019.

Common Services

Upgrades in Balukhali Logistics Hub are complete and fully operational. The hub will be managed by the team from the Madhu Chara Hub.

In June, more than 3,485 m³ of relief items were stored in Madhu Chara, Balukhali and Teknaf logistics hubs in the Cox’s Bazar district. Blankets, soap, fertilizer, solar lamps, tarpaulins, and cement were stored on behalf of 17 organisations.

As of June 2019, the Logistics Sector handled total of 32,922 m³ (9,675 mt) of relief items for 29 different organisations, since the start of the Cox’s Bazar operation.

Preparedness

A Bangla version of Physical Road Access Constraint (PRAC) for the reporting tool is now available.

Two tractors have been positioned at the Madhu Chara Hub to support towing of vehicles during emergencies.

The Logistics Sector has prepositioned six new MSUs, nine generators, three light towers and 9000 litres of fuel for standby capacity.

The Teknaf Logistics Hub team staged an MSU Cyclone Preparedness Drill at the Teknaf Logistics Hub (which is managed by Handicap International). The drill aimed to prepare the hub’s team for a rapid reaction to a cyclone alert.

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