

Background

The Logistics Sector Nigeria provides support to the Government-led coordination of the humanitarian logistics response in north-eastern Nigeria. It supports the Humanitarian Community by maintaining an open forum for discussing and addressing logistics issues as they arise; by facilitating access to logistics services and providing guidance and advice; and by promoting joint planning.

Increased humanitarian activity is placing a growing demand on the logistics capacity in the affected states in north-eastern Nigeria: Adamawa, Borno, Gombe, and Yobe States. The security situation taken together with the scale of the need is putting more and more strain on the logistics resources available. Several key operational areas are currently only accessible by air and some areas are completely inaccessible due to insecurity. Prepositioning of life-saving relief items is crucial now ahead of the rainy season, during which several key roads are likely to be cut off.



A timber shed was established at the Inter-Agency Logistics Base in Maiduguri in June.

May Highlights

- In June, the Logistics Sector facilitated the storage of 5050 m³ (1850 mt) of humanitarian relief items at the **Inter-Agency Logistics Base** in Maiduguri on behalf of eight organisations, and the consolidation of 9 m³ (2 mt) of air cargo on behalf of four organisations. The facility, which is managed by **Première Urgence Internationale (PUI)** in Maiduguri, includes a **timber shed** and a **dedicated temperature-controlled storage area** (150 m²). A kitting area and a conference room are under construction and will be made available in the coming weeks. The contract for the facility management has been extended until end of 2017 and a further extension will be discussed in October.
- The construction teams have started **preparations of storage sites for the rainy season** (concrete slabs and drainage). One of the teams was deployed to **the future common storage site in Monguno**, which will be managed by Solidarités on behalf of the Logistics Sector and is expected to become operational in July. The site preparation works in

Rann and Ngala will take place in July, and will include construction of helicopter landing pads to enable continued UNHAS operations during the rains. However, the difficulty of access to Rann could delay works.

- The two MSUs, which were dispatched to **Rann**, will be given **on loan to partners** (two MSUs 10x24m to OXFAM and UNICEF) and the 24 MSUs (10x32m) allocated for **common storage in Ngala** will be managed by WFP on behalf of the Logistics Sector. The Logistics Sector is still in discussions with INTERSOS about the establishment of the common site in **Banki** (10x24m), and is likely to loan one MSU (10x32) to UNICEF for its own use in Banki. ACTED and NRC have expressed interest in managing common storage sites, with **Damasak and Dikwa** potential locations under consideration.
- The **volatile security situation, ongoing military operations, and limited escort availability** make it difficult to properly organize humanitarian cargo movements, therefore delaying the delivery of life-saving assistance, and in some cases, preventing access to people in need. Issues related to **humanitarian access, cargo movement, and military escorts** are being discussed at the weekly **Civil-Military Forum**.
- The Logistics Sector **supports the Civil/Military coordination (CMCoord) mechanisms** established by OCHA. This includes the consolidation of cargo movement requests and escort requirements on behalf of the Humanitarian Community. In June, the Logistics Sector **facilitated close to 900 truck movement requests** carrying relief cargo, of which **678 with military escort**, on behalf of **21 organisations**. A [snapshot](#) of the Coordination of the Humanitarian Cargo Movement has been published. It describes the coordination background and objectives, as well as the outcomes to date (including a map of the cargo movement destinations).
- In May, the Nigerian Military **suspended the possibility of submitting cargo movement notification** forms on Monday (in addition to Thursday) and the Logistics Sector continues its efforts to reinstate the submission date. As part of these efforts, the Logistics Sector has developed a set of key messages on the subject that can be used in discussions with the military, donors and government civilian authorities. The key messages document was circulated for comments and endorsement by the partners.



On 15 June, the Logistics Sector went on a one-day mission to the Humanitarian Hub in Ngala to assess the site allocated for the common storage: 4 MSUs of 10x32m.

- The Logistics Sector **helped resolve several issues related to humanitarian cargo movement** resulting from the planned implementation of a new security waybill requirement for all transporters. This included providing support to organisations when their trucks were stopped and not allowed to proceed with the currently approved forms.
- The Logistics Sector team conducted **three assessment missions**: to Rann on 2 June, to Monguno on 5 June and Ngala on 15 June. The team assessed the potential MSU sites for common storage and met with the military and local community leaders to discuss access issues during the rainy season and beyond. A blog story describing the outcomes of the mission to Ngala has been published on the [website](#).
- The next draft of the Logistics Sector **Contingency Plan** for the rainy season was updated and shared with the Logistics Sector participants. It remains a living document to be adapted and revised as the situation unfolds during the rainy season. It highlights both a prepositioning strategy and access options.

Coordination & Information Management

- Logistics Sector **coordination meetings** are held in Maiduguri **twice a month** to discuss logistics bottlenecks, share information and develop common solutions. Two meetings were held in June with an average of 13 different UN agencies, NGOs and Government institutions attending.
- The Logistics Sector team **participated in the following inter-agency meetings**: the Inter Sector Working Group self-assessment exercise organised by OCHA in the framework of the Peer-2-Peer support mission, the technical Humanitarian Hub meeting chaired by IHP/MSB, the joint HCT/O-HCT/ISWG workshop organised by OCHA, two ad-hoc Inter-Sector Working Group meetings, one focused on Government plans to create four new IDP camps to decongest Banki and Pulka, and on the Nigerian Humanitarian Pool Fund, Inter-Sector Coordination meeting, Information Management Working Group, Rapid Response Mechanism, and Civil/Military Coordination Forum, all chaired by OCHA.
- Sector Coordinator Katja Hildebrand has gone on a two month contract break and will return to Maiduguri on 1 September 2017. CMCoord & Access Officer, Antonio Galli, is OIC during this time. Sean Price, Logistics Officer from HQ, arrived on a three week mission to support the team in the interim. A new Roving Logistics Officer will join the team in July.
- Access to **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)/mapping tools and products** is being facilitated and is available to organisations upon request. Since August 2016, **15 Logistics Sector maps** were produced and **570 map print-outs** delivered so far to partners.
- Through its **mailing list**, the Logistics Sector communicates to actors involved in the emergency response and serves as a repository of logistics information. In May, the list had **224 subscribers** from various UN agencies, NGOs, Government representatives and donors.
- The Logistics Sector's information products include maps, Concept of Operations, meeting minutes, operating procedures, updates on market capacity for transport and storage, operational overviews, and infographics, which are available on the dedicated Nigeria Logistics Sector webpage: www.logcluster.org/ops/ngr16a

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