

Interagency Logistics Meeting 11 January 2008
WVI Office
St. Joseph's Lane Colombo 4

Minutes

Attendance:

| Name | Org |
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| Sergio Monteiro | WFP |
| Patrick Phipps | WFP |
| Assamos Compaore | WFP (NHASS) |
| Steven Wells | IOM |
| Claude Nadon | UNOPS |
| Gerard Van Gramberg | WVI |
| Thomas Reiss | ICRC |
| Anthony Amalajeeva | ZOA |
| Himani de Silva | UNDP |
| A. Kamalananthasarma | UNDP |
| Christopher Randeniga | SCISL |

The meeting was opened and chaired by Patrick Phipps, WFP

1. Minutes of the IA Logs meeting held 7 December 2007 accepted without comment – no matters arising.

2. L&ES Committee and CCHA.

The L&ES meeting scheduled for on 19 December did not take place and the Ministry officials have been asked to propose a date prior to the next scheduled CCHA, 21 January. There was no minutes of the December 2007 CCHA available apparently the Minister's approval on decisions taken is still pending.

3. Transport Issues.

(a) *Air* – WFP/UNHAS briefed the meeting as to the prospects of continued UNHAS flights in 2008. The on going commercial flights to Jaffna have called into question the need for UNHAS services. For the time being – to end February one flight per week will operate and cargo capacity to 3.8 tonnes is available. Discussion is in progress as to possibilities to lease smaller aircraft and introduce a service to Batticaloa and Trinco. Investigations continue in regard to the EXPO service following three recent technical failures with their two Fokker aircraft. Despite this the civil aviation authority has not pulled the EXPO operational license or grounded the aircraft. No agency/organization has taken precautionary measures by not using EXPO. The presence of armed air marshals is also a cause for concern and contrary to UN procedure. UNHAS an ICRC insurance cover will remain valid post 16 January 2008 despite the ending of the ceasefire.

(b) *Sea* – WFP reported no problems with the allocation of cargo space on regular services to Jaffna. December and January food cargo from Colombo totaled 2,700 tonnes. WFP noted that notification has been received on a 4\$/tonne stevedoring charge additional to the freight cost of 75\$/tonne. This relates specifically to labor under contract

to the GA in Jaffna. The intention is to ignore the request to pay (backdated to November) as it has been understood that the freight rate paid to GoSL is inclusive of the cost of loading and discharge. Failure to pay is not seen as a risk bearing in mind that demurrage will be on the shipper's account i.e. the Ministry. No other agency/organization has been notified of this additional cost.

© **Road** – ICRC reported security checks on ICRC flagged convoys destined for Batti and Trinco. Weather related access difficulty is also reported for Ampara district. WFP noted potential problems for road access to Mullaithivu. IOM transport project has been operational since December although user take up has been disappointing. Access to Mannar has been the major difficulty thus far as well as engagement of MOSS compliant vehicles. WFP urged IOM to take advantage of vehicles/drivers redundant from ICRC operations in Batti. WFP stressed that its policy for road transport is only to intervene when commercial/military operations are not sufficient to meet supply needs. Revised transport request forms from WFP hubs have been mailed to IA Logs group and are to be made available on the OCHA site.

4. Warehousing.

Details were given regarding update of the WFP storage facility in Jaffna – works to be undertaken on the main warehouse and the placement of additional MSUs (at the port and WFP compound). UNOPS is scheduled to undertake an assessment soon.

5. Communications

WFP mentioned the potential availability in Jaffna and Vanni of comms equipment consequent to the pull out of a commercial operator. Agencies requiring acquisition/placement of GoSL authorized equipment should contact the under mentioned.

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6. Fuel Allocation Vanni.

The 30,000 liter allocation for December 2007 and January 2008 was confirmed. For December it is noted that despite the CCHA decision and CGES approval letter the Vanni military command had subsequently reduced the quota to 10,000 liters and submitted revised proposal to Colombo authorities. No details of the latter have been made available and the issue is likely to be mentioned/discussed at the next L&ES.

7. Contingency Plans post 16 January 2008

With the ending of the CFA the security situation remains extremely fluid/volatile. Agencies and NGOs are requested to detail emergency preparedness in the event of worst case scenario. Meeting agreed to establish a consolidated inventory for NFIs, food and international HR (see annex for completion). In the case of the latter there is consensus to pool HR especially given the likelihood of further restrictions for national staff access.

SO update and Sitrep

The SO budget revision for 2008 is still pending. Intention is to press ahead into 2008 despite serious int. personnel cutbacks – four members of staff concluded contracts over the Christmas period. Efforts are continuing to source donor funding and the SO is now an integral part of the CAP/CHAP process. A pledging conference is scheduled for end January. SO sitrep in revised format is to be published on the OCHA site.

P.Phipps

WFP Colombo
10 January 2008

Consolidated Inventory
UN/Agencies/NGOs
(Situation as of mid January 2008)

| Location (District) | NFI (Itemise) | Food (Commodity/tonnes) | Other (Equipment) | International HR (Location/Expertise, Contacts) | Comments (Stock sufficient for?) |
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