

**Colombo Interagency Logistics Meeting - Minutes**  
**14<sup>th</sup> September 2007– WFP Logistic Offices – 10 am**

**Attending:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Org</b>
Sergio Monteiro	WFP
Mads Vejstrup	WFP
A. Kamubranthasormu	UNDP
Steven Wells	IOM
Amali Iresha	OCHA
Thomas Reiss	ICRC
Christopher Randeniya	STCiSL
Benoit Aurenche	HI
S.Hariraam	UNHAS
Prasad Dilrukshana	FAO
Chaminda Dias	NPA
Mike Pickering	NPA
Claude Nadon	UNOPS

**1. Opening Remarks**

The meeting was opened by Mr, Sergio Monteiro, mentioning the sudden demise of WFP Logistics Officer, Mr. Conor Lyons, the replacement of Mr. Matthew Serventy. New WFP Logistics Officer, Mads Vejstrup, presented.

**2. NFI**

No organisations have yet requested UNOPS regarding transportation of NFIs to Jaffna. The data is needed urgently for clearance by CGES.

CGES has been requested to provide monthly transportation space for 300MT to the Northern peninsula.

ICRC have their own arrangements for NFIs, but will continuously support the UN system in this regard.

MoD has allegedly given the permission for transport of building material into the Jaffna area.

Requests for NFIs/building material into the Vanni from UNOPS and UNDP received.

UNOPS will continue to be the focal point for transport of NFIs.

**3. Logistics HoA meeting at government level.**

It is foreseen that a logistics meeting between HoA's and high-ranking government officials will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. All participants were asked to bring any issues to the attention of WFP soonest and NLT Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September by COB.

**4. Transportation**

**- Overland**

WFP has started using Kuehne & Nagel for transports from Colombo to Vavuniya and from Trincomalee to Batticaloa. So far, the service is functioning without any manor glitches.

The possibility of INGOs using own means of transportation into the Vanni was mentioned. To be further discussed at the next meeting.

Meduwachi checkpoint continues to be a problem with off-loading/loading of trucks. WFP is transporting in sealed trucks, therefore no problems at this checkpoint, except excessive waiting time.

- **Sea**

All agencies have their own arrangements regarding sea transport, however it was brought to the attention by STCiSL that there is no way of bypassing CGES when it comes to the authorisation of the actual transports.

- **Air**

NTR

**5. Warehousing**

There is still available warehousing space at all the WFP common user hubs.

UNDP needs storage space in Jaffna.

FAO needs storage space for seeds, fertilizers and various equipment.

**6. Communications.**

Positive news regarding communications equipment in customs. The equipment, some of which has been in customs since November 2006(!) has now been released. However, the equipment has not yet been cleared for use anywhere in SL.

It was suggested that all agencies produce a list of communications equipment is needed, based on the prevailing security situation in the various areas of operation. List to be submitted to UNDSS who will submit a collective request to MoD.

**7. Fuel for the Vanni**

SecDef has authorised an increase in the fuel allocation for the Vanni from 30,000 litres to 34,000 litres, however the final approval from CGES is still pending.

**8. AOB.**

Vehicle situation in Jaffna desperate for some organisations. OCHA has requested permission to transport one light vehicle by vessel since mid-February 2007, but not received any reply till date.

A list of allowed/banned items (batteries, cell phones, GPS, Sat phones, etc) will be requested from GOSL.

A discussion on the ways to go through, or directly to, various ministries was held. It was jointly agreed that in spite of the possibility of addressing ministries directly, the best way to go is through CGES.

**The next meeting will be at 10 am, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of September, in the WFP logistic offices, 3A Flower Ave, Colombo 7.**