

Colombo Interagency Logistics Meeting - Minutes
19th October 2007– WFP Logistic Offices – 10 am

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1. Opening

The meeting was opened by Mr. Mads Vejlstrup Logistics Officer mentioning that his visit to Jaffna was a very good experience and all the counterparts gave him a nice reception.

2. NFI

In response to the NFI's (Cement, Timber) requested by UNOPS, the CGES has rejected the consent prior to acquiring further details in order to proceed with granting the approval. It was mentioned that as it was decided at CCHA meeting that the cement and steel should be allowed to transport only on the requirements but not the whole quantity at once. All the agencies are informed to comply with the requirement accordingly and requested to handover progress reports.

3. Transportation Overland

Due to having problems with off-loading/loading of trucks at Medawachchi check point WFP initiated on Monday (15th October) sealing of trucks at the Vavuniya Logistics Hub. Further it was mentioned that all the agencies are welcome to bring NFI's to WFP Vavuniya in order to transport them across the FDL in sealed WFP trucks. Still there are some instances where losses have been reported when using private trucks.

4. Sea

The next vessel "Ruhunu" for Jaffna will be loaded next week and it will have dedicated cargo space for UN Agencies. Suggested to deliver 03 trucks, Generator spare parts, piston etc. Agreed to get the permission from CGES after submitting the consolidated lists by the respective agencies.

5. Air

NTR

6. Communications

No green light has been received. Apparently negative response.

7. Fuel for the Vanni

Requested for approval for 34,000/- but the final approval received was for only 30,000. It was mentioned due to the prevailing security reasons it is not a good idea to push the govt. to increase the fuel quota.

8. AOB

It was suggested to hire one additional national staff member at Level 3 or 4 to coordinate with the Inter Agency meeting correspondence. This staff member would be paid in equal parts by the participants of the IA logs group. WFP to follow up.

New Logistics Officer Mr. Patrick Phipps will be arriving next week to be the dedicated LO for the Inter Agency.

The next meeting will be at 10 am, Friday 2nd of November, in the WFP logistic offices, 3A Flower Ave, Colombo 7.