**CLUSTER WORKING GROUP ON
LOGISTICS**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Cluster Working Group on Logistics examined a number of logistics-related issues such as the identification of logistics gaps (including liaising with other Cluster working groups with regard to logistics requirements), existing inter agency mechanisms, and government and private sector resources for emergency response.

With the view to improving surge capacity, the Cluster Working Group on Logistics identified areas where improvements were needed, particularly to ensure better logistics preparedness and response, and to facilitate improved interagency interoperability through the pooling of resources.

The Cluster WG recommended that WFP should take the role of the agency with primary managerial responsibility and accountability for logistics. But it was also felt that more specific work was required in a number of areas in the coming months to oversee the follow-up activities from the work of the Cluster WG.

With regard to emergency shelter materials and other NFIs for IDPs, the WG believed that the most efficient logistics arrangements would be for the agency or agencies with primary responsibility for these clusters to be also responsible for the entire supply chain. However, in case an agency required logistics support, this could be addressed to the lead agency for logistics, which would identify solutions. The agency requesting logistics support should be able to provide full funding for this.

Specific Recommendations for IASC consideration:

1. The IASC is requested to approve the designation of WFP as agency with primary managerial responsibility and accountability for logistics.

2. The IASC is requested to approve the activation of a Logistics Cluster chaired by the lead agency to oversee the proposed follow-up activities.

3. The lead agency will examine the criteria for activation of logistics and/or common services, along with analysing options for inter-agency training.

4. Under the Logistics cluster, a number of subgroups to work on specific aspects of logistics will be established, including subgroups on preparedness, interoperability and responsiveness.