LOGISTICS CLUSTER – MEETING MINUTES
HAITI - CHOLERA RESPONSE

Date/Time: Tuesday, 14 December 2010 / 09:30-10:30
Location: UNFPA meeting room, LogBase, Port-au-Prince

Present:

Chair: Logistics Cluster Deputy Coordinator

Participants: Action Aid, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Christliche BlindenMission (CBM), Croix Rouge – Haitienne, Federation Lutherienne Mondiale (FLM/LWF), GOAL, GrassRoots United, Handicap International/Atlas Logistique, IFRC, International Dispensary Association (IDA Foundation), International Management Group (IMG, European Commission), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Relief and Development (IRD), Merlin, UNFPA, Un Techo Para Mi Pais and USAID/DART.

1. REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S ACTION POINTS

ACTION POINTS for the LOGISTICS CLUSTER:

- To look at the possibility of establishing a small Customs bounded warehouse at the airport.
  - Done. This proposal was discussed with relevant authorities, but denied.
- To try to negotiate a reserved area/ separate yard at the port for containers with humanitarian cargo, away from commercial containers.
  - Still under discussion.
- To prepare a set of questions for participants in order to get feedback in regards to key aspects of the 2010 contingency planning and emergency preparedness response activities.
  - The survey is ready and will be circulated during the day.
- To share minutes from Logistics Working Group meetings at the Presidential Palace.
  - Pending.

ACTION POINTS for Logistics Cluster PARTICIPANTS:

- To inform about expected cargo movements / pipeline information.
  - Pipeline information has been received by UNICEF, IFRC, WHO/PAHO and USAID.
- To start collecting commodities from the storage site in Croix des Bouquets.
  - So far, only GOAL started to collect their commodities.
- To share delivery plans and interest in MINUSTAH escorts.
  - Feedback received from CBM, Family Outreach Ministries, Federation Lutherienne Mondiale, Heart to Heart and IFRC.

2. SITUATION UPDATE

- Updated figures from the Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP) are available at http://www.mspp.gouv.ht
- The latest figures (09 December) indicate 203 more deaths occurred this week. The death toll now stands at 2,323; the number of hospitalized (severe) cases increased to 50,923 since the outbreak (6,766 increase from last week), and altogether 104,614 people (11,392 increase from last week) have sought medical attention.
- The Health Cluster shared the latest list of Cholera Treatment Centers (CTC), Cholera Treatment Units (CTU) and Oral Rehydration Posts (ORP) on 06 December:
• CTCs can have a capacity of 40-300 beds. CTUs are smaller with a capacity of up to 20 beds. ORPs do not require presence of medical staff and are established in camps and some quartiers.

3. OPERATIONS UPDATE

4.1 Transport
• **Transport** (road and air) provided in response to the Cholera epidemic (01-13 Dec): WHO/PAHO: 62.5mt; Plan Int’tl: 5.3mt; UNICEF: 5.1mt; UNFPA: 4mt; ACF: 3.3mt; MdM France: 3mt; J/P HRO: 2.2mt; Agro Action Allemande: 2.1mt; USAID/OFDA: 1.8mt; Medial Team Int’l: 1.3mt; Government of Haiti: 1.1mt; Nos Petits Freres et Soeurs: 1mt; TOTAL: 92.5mt.

• The relief items have been transported to the following locations: Fort Liberte, Cap Haitien, Port-de-Paix, Jeremie, Jacmel and Gonaives.

• Two trucks from the inter-agency fleet in Gonaives have been prepositioned in Port-de-Paix.

• UNHAS assets: 2x Mi-171 helicopter with a capacity of 3mt each from the regional hubs to the most inaccessible areas. An Air Cargo Movement Officer at the airport to facilitate **reception of incoming cargo**. Cargo transferred promptly from airport to storage facility at PROMESS. If additional air cargo handling capacity required, referral to MINUSTAH’s Joint Operations and Tasking Centre (JOTC).

• UNHAS is currently looking at re-establishing services between Port-au-Prince and Santo Domingo (depending on the demand).

• **Reminder:** The contract of the WFP/Logistics Cluster barge will end on 16 December and might be renewed next year for the next hurricane season.

⇒ **ACTION POINT:** Logistics Cluster participants to provide information on expected air and sea cargo requirements / pipeline, in order for the Logistics Cluster to mobilise resources accordingly.

4.2 Storage
• **Reminder:** The Logistics Cluster open storage site in Croix des Bouquets, where organisations can setup and manage their own Mobile Storage Units, will be closed on 31 December. A new storage site will be established closer to the city, in Tabarre, where there is already a WFP warehouse. A 3months extension is being negotiated though with the owner.

• Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been erected as follows: 1x MSU in St Marc; 4 MSUs at WHO/PROMESS in order to increase the reception capacity for incoming air cargo; 7 MSUs in Cap Haitien to be used as CTC and medical supplies storage.

• The Logistics Cluster is prepared to install additional MSUs in other locations if required. 12 extra MSUs arrived from the UNHRD in Panama, for additional storage needs at the department level.

• Possibility to increase storage capacity in WFP regional offices: Les Cayes, Jacmel, Hinche, Gonaives and Cap Haitien.
• Bottleneck: limited storage space near helicopter loading site in Port-au-Prince is creating delays in getting supplies delivered. MINUSTAH MOVCON provided ground space and four containers near the helipad to provide the necessary storage space.

• Handicap International/Atlas Logistique in Petit Goave was approached by UNICEF and MdM in regards to inter-agency storage facilities at this location. It is urgently required. Also IMC expressed interest. A funding project will be submitted to OCHA.

ACTION POINT: The Logistics Cluster will inform Participants as soon as the inter-agency storage facility in Petit Goave is ready to receive commodities.

4.3 Geographic Information System (GIS)

• The new Participants’ warehouse assets map was presented.

• Upcoming map projects: UNHAS cargo deliveries, General Logistics Planning maps for various departments and Map book for WFP’s Security unit.

• The GIS unit remains on standby for mapping requests from Logistics Cluster participants.

• Logistics Cluster map products are available from the Map Centre on the website: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/docs?doctype=Maps%20%26%20Geograph.

ACTION POINT: Logistics Cluster participants are requested to continue submitting information in regards to warehouse locations and capacity in order for the GIS unit to update the “Participants warehouse assets” map.

4.4 Emergency Preparedness and Response

• As discussed on 07 December, a survey has been prepared in order to receive participant’s feedback. The purpose of this survey is to evaluate the effectiveness of the Logistics Cluster in relation to emergency preparedness and response for the 2010 hurricane season.

ACTION POINT: Logistics Cluster participants are requested to complete the survey, which was circulated through the mailing list on 14 December, and submit to haiti@logcluster.org.

4.5 Civil/Military Coordination

• MINUSTAH is assisting the Logistics Cluster for the transportation of cargo from partners’ warehouses located in Port-au-Prince to the UNHAS helipad. So far, cargo has been transported for WHO/PAHO, UNFPA, Agro Action Allemande and USAID. In addition, MINUSTAH has arranged special flights for the transportation of cargo for WHO/PAHO to Cap Haitien and Jeremie and for Plan International to Fort Liberte.

• A special coordination meeting was held on 11 December in regards to the ongoing Cholera response throughout the country. Representatives from UNPOL, Military (U3, U4 and U9), JLOC, Logistics Cluster, OCHA and JOTC attended the meeting. The JOTC presented the MINUSTAH operational framework, describing that it is concurrently supporting four operations:
  o Cholera response (3 days projection of needs);
  o Humanitarian non-cholera related effort (72 hrs notice);
  o Secure environment (currently electoral crisis focus);
  o Temporary logistics support to the Government of Haiti.

OCHA asked that inter-cluster meetings are held before requests are submitted to JOTC, so that cross-cluster prioritisation is completed before individual requests are discussed at the daily JOTC planning meeting. The JOTC request forms have been amended to reflect the need for each request to have been duly considered by the inter-cluster process. WHO advised that it operates an ALERT response arrangement that enables the rapid (24/7) deployment of medical capacities to areas in urgent need. MINUSTAH was asked to support this emergency response mechanism.
4. AOB and Q&A

• The Logistics Cluster is enquiring if organisations are planning to use Santo Domingo as a hub again, but Participants’ feedback indicated that nobody is currently looking at this option.

• USAID is asking if a contingency plan is in place at the airport in Port-au-Prince in case of another movement restriction that would keep staff from going to the airport to take care of their incoming cargo. Perhaps MINUSTAH can assist.
  ➔ Yes, this can be discussed. It was done to a certain extend during the previous lock down, where MINUSTAH provided trucks, handling equipment and man power. However, MINUSTAH requires a 3-day notice.

• USAID is advising that Personal Protection Kits and acquatabs, as well as buckets and aprons are available at IOM. Interested Participants can submit a request to IOM.

• MERLIN is asking if it is possible for the Logistics Cluster to pick up cargo at multiple locations and deliveries at multiple locations.
  ➔ Yes, it is feasible and can be coordinated.

• FLM is reporting difficulties to register their vehicles and was told by the Ministry of Finance that number plates are currently not available.
  ➔ ACTION POINT: The Logistics Cluster will again raise the issue at the next coordination meeting at the Presidential Palace.

• IMC would like to know if operations at the border will continue as usual during the Christmas holidays.
  ➔ Closure/limitations are only expected due to the instable political situation.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 21 December 2010, at 09:30h, UNFPA Conference Room, LogBase, Port-au-Prince.

End.