Chair: Logistics Cluster
Participants: WFP, IMC, MSF, UNHCR, ACTED
Action Points:
- The humanitarian community to inform the Logistics Cluster/WFP about storage needs - ONGOING
- The humanitarian community to update the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) coordinator with needs/gaps – ONGOING
- The Logistics Cluster to share a detailed list of internet providers for Libya - ONGOING

Agenda:
1. GENERAL UPDATE AND REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS
2. SECURITY UPDATE
3. TOUR DE TABLE
4. UPDATE ON TRANSPORT
5. AVIATION UPDATE
6. LOGISTICS COORDINATION

GENERAL UPDATE / REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS
- Participants were informed on the possibility of storing non-voluminous and non-contaminant Non-Food Items (NFIs) in the WFP warehouse in Tripoli from March until end June 2012, whereupon the warehouse will be handed over to the government.
- Since the situation in Tripoli port has returned to normal, ad-hoc arrangements to give for locally sourced labour access the port are no longer accepted. Stevedoring is now carried out by the port as prior to the conflict.
- Libya’s borders with Egypt and Tunisia have been subject to closure with little or no notice. The road to the Egyptian border is open but is controlled by numerous checkpoints. Recently the border area has been reinforced with a new checkpoint.

SECURITY UPDATE
- Thousands of people gathered on 05 March in Benghazi in protest to a proposal for semi-autonomy of the eastern provinces. The security situation remains fragile as further related protests are envisaged.
- A security working group has been set up by a few NGOs. The security network aims to inform organisations on incidents occurring in Libya and advise on movements and precautions.

TOUR DE TABLE
WFP
- WFP dealt successfully with the issues raised by the Food Inspection Agency. The two consignments of tomato paste and oil, which were held at the port for a month, have now been released. WFP stated that the gathering of essential documentation for custom and health clearance prior the arrival of shipments would have shortened the process.
- As stevedoring and demurrage is now carried out by the Tripoli port, WFP advised when selecting a company to make sure they belong to the Port Union so to be allowed in the port.

MSF
- MSF reported they had been experiencing export issues; they plan to send medical items to Haiti, and are currently negotiating with the Ministry of Health to have these items released.

UNHCR
- UNHCR are planning a tender for transporters and custom clearance agents. They are starting the process of negotiation for obtaining a waiver for terminal handling fees to be applied to humanitarian cargo.
- Telecommunications equipment is still being cleared on a case-by-case basis. UNHCR has containers currently held at Tripoli port and airports awaiting a tax exemption from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

IMC
IMC delivered medicine to LRC and a hospital in Kufra; the situation was reportedly calm but tense after the government deployed military forces there.

Received tax exemption (through the Ministry of Health) for two vehicles imported at Misrata port. Reported that custom procedures are easier at Benghazi port. In order to register the vehicles, a residency permit is required, the car can then be registered and license plates.

ACTED

Inquired about residency permits for 1 year and about the various possible types of visa (entry, work, tourist) and the procedure of changing visa type. IMC shared their procedure to obtain multi-entry work visas and residency permits. The procedures are still not official.

Inquired about how to obtain organisation official registration in Libya. It was advised that the local counterpart should liaise with the Ministry of Labour and facilitate the process.

UPDATE ON TRANSPORT

Commercial services have been picking up pace and a full list of commercial transporters is available at:
http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/transporters-libya-111212/view
- Port Handlers: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/port-handlers-libya-111212/view
- Shipping Agents: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/shipping-agents-libya-111212/view

AVIATION UPDATE

KLM and British Airways have announced they will resume flights to the capital for 01 May 2012. Austrian Airlines and Emirates will renew flights as of 25 and 26 March respectively. BMI’s operations are currently suspended up to, and including, the 30 April 2012. Other international commercial airlines, that resumed their operations into Benghazi and Tripoli, were shared with Logistics Cluster participants.

In an effort to restructure Libya’s aviation sector, Libya’s two state-owned airlines (Afriqyah Airways and Libyan Airlines) resumed negotiations about a merger scheduled for the first quarter of 2013. The foreseen combination is expected to better compete with other major carriers and attract more competitors should the government decide to privatise it.

LOGISTICS COORDINATION

The Logistics Cluster Cell in Tripoli is still operational, continuing with its coordination and advisory role. Logistics coordination meetings will be held on a bi-weekly basis, as per cluster participants’ decision, pending further review and based on need.

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting is scheduled for 21 March 2012.

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