Logistics Coordination – Meeting Minutes

North Africa Crisis - Cairo, Egypt
23 March 2011

Chair: WFP
Participants: IRD, Mercy Corps, ACTED, IMC, UNICEF, Save the Children, DART, ICRC and WFP

Action Points:

- In addition to the free warehousing WFP is providing in Benghazi, WFP will make preparations for provision of a similar facility in Tobruk. As Benghazi airport is currently non-operational, Tobruk has been identified as the most viable alternative.
- WFP will undertake an assessment of the Marsa Matruh port, and will share the findings with the humanitarian community.
- WFP will produce a road conditions map for Libya, and make it available on the website.
- WFP will produce an Egypt corridor map, and make it available on the website.

1. Review of Action Points from Last Week

- Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were posted and made public on the North Africa Crisis page of the Logistics Cluster website. The meeting minutes are available here: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/northafrica/meeting_minutes_cairo_110316/view.

- Warehouse assessment: In response to the request for WFP to undertake an assessment mission to Marsa Matruh and Sallum to identify warehousing, WFP has deployed one Logistics Officer to the area, who has identified an initial eight warehouses between Sallum and Marsa Matruh.

- Suppliers List: Save the Children and UNHCR have provided suppliers lists to WFP. A consolidated list has been posted on-line at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/northafrica/consolidated_list_of_suppliers_provided_by_humanitarian_actors/view.

- WFP requests any other organisations with supplier information to please share it for publication on the website.

- Customs information: The WFP Logistics Officer in Sallum will compile information on the situation at the Egypt/Libya border. WFP is currently documenting the procedures it uses for import/re-export/transit of goods through Egypt and will share this with the group. Any organisations that have ‘lessons learned’ from bringing cargo into/through Egypt are requested to share them with the group.

2. New Information Products Produced During the Week

- During the last week a number of new information products were posted to the dedicated North Africa Crisis webpage: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/northafrica, these include:
  - Libya Logistics Capacity Assessment
    1. Overview of Libyan airports
    2. Overview of ports in Libya
    3. Overview of customs information
    4. Distance matrix for Libya
    5. Overview of transportation infrastructure in Libya
    6. Overview of WFP storage in Libya
  - Egyptian Logistics Capacity Assessment
    1. Overview of Egyptian airports
    2. Overview of ports in Egypt
    3. Distance matrix for Egypt
  - Meeting minutes from Tunisia and Cairo
  - List of suppliers – provided by Save the Children and UNHCR
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In addition to the information products listed above, WFP has deployed a GIS Officer to Cairo. The GIS Officer will coordinate with OCHA to avoid duplication of efforts and to explore the possibility of joint projects. Please communicate to WFP any logistics-related GIS/mapping needs you may have.

3. Need for a Common Warehouse in Tobruk- Decision Required

- WFP’s Special Operation project has provision for two common storage hubs. One has been established in Benghazi and, in light of the changing situation inside Libya, it is felt that the second one should also be inside Libya rather than at a neighbouring border. Tobruk was suggested by WFP as a possible location, both as a fall back for Benghazi and to cater for air cargo until Benghazi airport is fully operational again.
- Attendees agreed that there was a need for a second location and IMC confirmed that Tobruk would be a good location. WFP will look to identify an appropriate common storage facility in Tobruk and will share its finding with the attendees.

4. Tour de Table – Update on Organizations Logistical Plans/Activities for Eastern Libya

- International Medical Corps (IMC)
  - IMC have moved back into Libya with a full team. Before the start of the “no fly zone” they only had 5 to 6 international staff in Libya. Now they have returned with a full team of 18 to 19 doctors and nurses. They are providing care at the main hospital in Benghazi. IMC also noted that recently they have been seeing the dead arriving into the hospital from the front.
  - In addition to the medical services being provided, IMC has delivered a number of inter-agency health kits to Benghazi.
  - IMC has also established a support network for their operations in Libya by deploying staff to Marsa Matruh, Sallum, Alexandria and Cairo.
  - In Tunisia, IMC is working to ensure proper sanitation in the transit camps; this includes providing latrines and first aid for the displaced populations.

- Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)
  - ACTED has three local staff currently in Benghazi. The rest of their team has pulled back and will remain in Sallum until the situation allows for more secure access into Libya.
  - ACTED is procuring NFIs locally in Egypt for eventual storage in Benghazi. These items are planned to be in Libya by the end of this week.

- Mercy Corps
  - Is currently looking to establish a presence in Egypt. They had an assessment team in Libya, but pulled out when the security situation worsened. The team remains in Cairo until the situation allows for more secure access to Libya.

- DART/ USAID
  - Nothing new to report, as they too are unable to enter the country due to the current security situation. DART expressed interest in sharing information between the various attendees, especially those with a presence in Libya.

- International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC)
  - ICRC has a team in Tobruk, as well as one in Benghazi. ICRC has recently received a number of NFIs and secured their pipeline from Jordan to Alexandria to move NFIs by road into Libya.
  - Additionally, ICRC has had a vessel arrive in Benghazi, and handed over the cargo to the Libyan Red Crescent for distribution.

- Save the Children (SC)
SC had a team positioned in Benghazi, but like many others they were forced to leave the country when the security situation worsened. They are now present in Egypt, conducting a market survey.

- **The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)**
  - UNICEF is pre-positioning supplies for 10,000 people on both the Libyan/Tunisian and Libyan/Egyptian borders. UNICEF is currently looking to identify a partner within Libya to distribute NFIs until UNICEF is able to enter the country.
  - UNICEF has also been undertaking some procurement activities in Egypt and abroad. This includes:
    1. In Egypt, hygiene kits and a vehicle for use in Libya once access is granted.
    2. Globally, IHA kits and education supplies have been procured.

- **International Relief and Development (IRD)**
  - IRD had a presence in Benghazi, however like many others they had to leave the country when the security situation worsened. IRD is hoping to have a small team back in Libya by this weekend.

- **World Food Programme (WFP)**
  - WFP’s third convoy from Alexandria to Benghazi has arrived in Libya, carrying 18.5 mt of pulses for WFP, along with two truckloads of blankets and sleeping mats for UNHCR. This has marked the first use of a road convoy by WFP since the start of the “no fly zone”.
  - WFP has deployed five mobile storage units (MSUs) to the Egyptian border with Libya at Sallum, to begin the setup of a humanitarian hub. In addition to the MSUs, WFP has sent prefabs, which will be used as office space.
  - A vessel carrying 1,182 mt of WFP wheat flour was offloaded and cleared through customs in Sfax, Tunisia after which the containers were inspected by WFP logistics. The cargo was then transferred to Zarzis where it will be stored for pre-positioning.

5. **AOB**

- One of the attendees requested information from the group regarding the identification of any local NGOs from Libya that may have a presence outside of the country.
  - Three options were shared; the Libyan Appeal Team, the Libyan Relief Committee and the World Medical Camp Libya.

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Next meeting: *Wednesday 30 March 2011 at 18:00*