

LIBYA LOGISTICS CLUSTER MEETING MINUTES

Cairo, Egypt
15 June 2011

Chair: WFP

Participants: WHO, ICRC, OCHA, WFP, UNHAS

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1. General Logistics Update

- It has been reported that in line with a new EU resolution, CMA-CGM and MSC shipping companies will no longer carry any vehicles into Libya. The Logistics Cluster is verifying this information and will report back on all findings.
- The Logistics Cluster will investigate if it is possible to import vehicles destined for relief operations into Malta and re-export them to Libya.
- The Logistics Cluster has received a formal request from NGOs (ACTED, CESVI, DCA, Handicap International, MAG and Mercy Corps) to run a regular shuttle between Benghazi and Misrata for cargo and passengers. A ro-ro vessel has been identified (300mt cargo and 50 passenger capacity, including 30 berths) for possible contracting.
 - This ship could transport 200 people in case of a need for emergency evacuation.
 - 15 containers can be loaded on deck, and a spare 15 containers would be left on ground for pre-loading, ensuring a fast turnaround for the vessel so that it could ensure 10 to 12 rotations per month.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to coordinate transport for humanitarian staff on board vessels between Benghazi and Misrata.

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2. Transport and Storage

Transport

- The WFP-contracted ship MV Baris started loading today in Alexandria and is due to leave for Misrata on June 17 with food on board. Space for interagency goods has been offered through the Logistics Cluster for any humanitarian organization wishing to take advantage of this sailing.
- To date 1828 m3 (691 mt) have been transported into Libya for 9 different organizations by sea.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to provide road transport on a cost recovery basis from Cairo to Benghazi and within Libya. To date, 1,412 m3 (177 mt) has been transported for 9 organizations through this service.

Storage

- The Logistics Cluster is continuing to offer free storage service to humanitarian organizations in the 20,000 m2 warehouse in Ganfuda, 25 km from Benghazi. So far, 4,076 m3 (1,523 mt) has been stored on behalf of nine organizations.

3. Customs

- It was reported that it is possible to transport vehicles from Egypt into Benghazi across the Salloum border, however the process can take at least three weeks. Clearance must be obtained through the organization's appropriate ministry (ie: Ministry of Health) and then from MoFA, with a written letter explaining why these vehicles are necessary. The procedures and templates will be communicated to Logistics Cluster partners. A staff member should be at the border to facilitate the process.
- No issues have been reported for humanitarian staff crossing the border between Egypt and Libya, however cars pose more of a problem. It has been advised to take a car with Egyptian plates to the Salloum border, then to cross on foot and take a second car bearing Libyan plates the rest of the way to Benghazi.
- Truck drivers making deliveries from Egypt to Libya should carry official documentation identifying the goods as humanitarian cargo.
- The Logistics Cluster suggested that if partners agree, one clearing agent could be chosen through tender at the Salloum border for all humanitarian organizations to use in order to streamline the clearance of relief goods.

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4. UNHAS Update

- 650 passengers from 103 different UN Agencies, NGOs and diplomatic corps have used the UNHAS passenger transport services between Cairo, Benghazi, Malta and Djerba.
- No-shows and last-minute cancellations are becoming an issue, especially since due to the requirement to provide all names for the flight 72 hours in advance for clearance in Egypt, no stand-by passengers can be accepted on the aircraft. Measures will be announced in the coming week to address this problem.
- The UNHAS schedule for the coming week can be found at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/unhas-flight-schedule>.

5. New Information Products Disseminated During the Week

- During the *last week (9 – 15 June)*, the Logistics Cluster shared the following products with the humanitarian community:

Posted on the website <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a> :

1. Minutes of June 9 Cairo logistics coordination meeting;
2. Revised UNHAS Flight Schedule;
3. Logistics Cluster Situation Report;
4. Map of UNHAS destinations;
5. Nafusa Mountain corridor map;
6. Benghazi – Tripoli and Tunisia – Libya corridor maps updated

Circulated by e-mail:

7. 11 June: IOM ship from Benghazi to Misrata with capacity for interagency goods and passengers
8. 15 June: Radio training offered to the humanitarian community

- A map of Benghazi to Ajdabia has been drafted in response to a request from NGOs.

6. Tour de Table

- WHO is planning an assessment mission in the Nafusa Mountain area, after which it plans to ship medical kits into the area. Assistance from the Logistics Cluster may be requested for transport.

7. The Way Forward

- The Logistics Cluster will be launching a questionnaire to assess the needs of partners in terms of road and sea transport, storage, coordination and information management in order to provide efficient services suitable to their needs.

8. AOB

- The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster is offering to provide training to UN Agencies and NGOs on a range of communications skill sets necessary for emergency humanitarian operations. This training ranges from a three-day radio-room operators course (for those establishing their own radio rooms) to a three-hour staff training course covering basic radio skills and the use and care of radio equipment.
- The ECT team can provide courses in Benghazi for UN Agencies and NGOs should the demand exist. Any organization interested in receiving this training should contact Mick Eccles - mick.eccles@wfp.org - with the following information:
 1. Organization
 2. Level of training required (radio room level, staff radio training, or both)
 3. Number of people to be trained
 4. Languages for training (English/Arabic) and the associated numbers for each.
- In line with the changing nature of the emergency and information, Logistics Cluster meetings will continue to be held weekly in Cairo. Meetings will be changed to Thursdays at 12:00 in order to raise key issues discussed in the Benghazi and Tunisia meetings held on Wednesdays.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23 at the WFP Conference Room.