LOGISTICS SECTOR – MEETING MINUTES

North Africa Crisis
Djerba (Tunisia)
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Action Points:
- Logistics Sector to distribute transporter list.
- Logistics Sector to explore options for bonded warehouse in Zarzis for potential import of vehicles destined for Libya.
- Logistics Sector to clarify import procedures for vehicles, emergency telecommunications equipment.
- Meeting participants to provide upstream pipeline and current available stock in country to Logistics Coordinator, to be consolidated and provided to UNHCR.

1. Situation Update

- The number of people in the transit camp has increased recently due to the difficulty that certain populations are having in returning to their country of origin.
- Currently, organizations have enough capacity of relief items for operations in Tunisia, unless the situation changes, any further incoming cargo will be prepositioned for Libya.
- Due to a number of incidents of stones being thrown at marked humanitarian vehicles yesterday near Ben Guerdane, organizations have been advised to remove all logos from their vehicles.

2. Warehousing and Transportation

- UNHCR has three warehouses at the camp site and can provide temporary storage to requesting organizations.

   **Action Point:** Logistics Sector to distribute transporter list.

3. Transport: Air and Sea

- Due to low capacity at Djerba airport, which is largely a passenger facility, and the ease of bringing goods into Tunisia by sea, it is recommended that all organizations planning to import goods use shipping as opposed to air transport.
- The shipping line Cotunav has two weekly sailings from Livorno to Tunis on Wednesdays and Saturdays, transit time 23 hours.
- The shipping line Grimaldi has sailings on Monday and Friday from Salerno to Tunis and Wednesday sailings from Civitavecchia to Tunis; transit time 23 hours.
- Prices for the abovementioned sailings are available by contacting the logistics sector Information Officer.
- For further information on shipping schedules please see: http://www.oceanschedules.com/schedules/search.do.
- The port of Zarzis has limited capacity for incoming cargo. It can accommodate ships of up to 8m deep and accept both bulk and containers (20 and 40 ft.) One crane is available and another can be obtained if needed. However, ships are still advised to be self-equipped.
4. Customs Procedures

- Initial information on customs procedures has been posted on the website at: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/northafrica/docs?theme=customs-immigration](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/northafrica/docs?theme=customs-immigration)
- It has been reported that standard goods entering by both boat and plane have been cleared by customs in Tunis within 24 hours.
- One option suggested for importing vehicles destined for Libya is to place them in a bonded warehouse. Upon removal, organizations then have 48 hours to transport them across the border. Bonded warehousing is available at the port of Zarzis, which has 1,400m² of warehouse space available and also one hectare plot of land suitable for vehicles.
- Current information and authorization on importing of telecommunications equipment should be obtained from the ANF (Agence Nationale de Fréquences). Tel: 71 359 373; fax: 71 323 233; website: www.anf.tn. However, this procedure has not been verified.

**Action Point:** Logistics Sector to look into options for bonded warehousing in Zarzis, including capacity, cost and the possibility of a waiver.

**Action Point:** Logistics Sector to provide further information on the import of vehicles and telecommunications equipment

5. Upstream Pipeline

- The Logistics Coordinator requested meeting participants to provide upstream pipeline and current stock of relief items they have received in country. However, not all organizations have submitted their information, and are still requested to do so.

**Action Point:** Meeting participants to provide upstream pipeline and current available stock in country to the Logistics Information Management Officer to be consolidated and provided to UNHCR.

6. Mapping

- The Logistics Sector has made maps available for the North Africa Crisis. These are all available for download at [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/northafrica](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/northafrica).

7. Meeting Schedule

- The Logistics Coordination meeting will be held every Monday – Wednesday – Friday at 20:00 hrs, Hotel Oasis Marine, Zarzis

**Next meeting:** Monday, 13 March 2011, 20:00 hrs, Zarzis

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