Logistics Sector – MEETING MINUTES

North Africa Crisis
Djerba (Tunisia)
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Action Points:
- Logistics Sector to report back on possible facilitation for import of vehicles and telecommunications equipment.

1. Situation Update
   - The number of migrants crossing the border has dropped substantially, with just over a thousand recorded yesterday.
   - A total of 5,567 people were repatriated yesterday. As of last night it was reported that there were only about 11,000 people now in Choucha camp, with another 700 in the UAE camp.
   - If the current situation of low inflow and high outflow is maintained, the camp is expected to be almost cleared within a week, with those coming through only staying for a night or two. Only those populations which cannot return home are remaining for a longer period.

2. Customs Procedures
   - A request has been made to the WFP country director in Tunis to see how the import of telecommunications equipment and vehicles can be facilitated. These are currently the only imports causing any customs concerns.

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3. Transport: Air and Sea
   - An assessment was done yesterday at Sfax airport to assess it as a contingency solution in case any future bottlenecks should arise at Djerba airport.
   - For information on schedules for shipping into Tunisia, please see: http://www.oceanschedules.com/schedules/search.do.
4. Warehousing

- An area of 4,000m² of land has been cleared and temporary fencing put in place for the installation of WFP mobile storage units (MSUs). For now, one will be erected as a kitchen and a second to store the remaining 3 MSUs as contingency warehousing in case the need should arise.

- Organizations were asked to consider if they still needed warehousing space at the camp, given that the current population is decreasing so rapidly. Most organizations expressed a need for some storage capacity, though maybe not necessarily at the camp, to provide for contingency plans.
  
  i. WFP is preparing for potential needs in Libya and so may need space for contingency warehousing.
  
  ii. UNHCR intends to redesign and improve the camp in preparation for another large influx in case the situation in Libya does not improve. It is erecting two more MSUs and holding four more ready in Brindisi. UNHCR may also establish transit site facilities at the border, which would require storage facilities.
  
  iii. UNICEF is putting in place consolidation and contingency plans.
  
  iv. WHO will keep some storage in Tunisia.
  
  v. Handicap International will be consolidating supplies in Tunisia in preparation for potential requirements. One team member will remain in Zarzis.

- As mentioned last time, two large warehouses have been identified for lease, one in Milita (2 km from Djerba airport and Houmt Souk (7 km from Djerba airport). Details are available on request.

5. 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. Requests for specific maps can also be accommodated.

6. Concept of Operations

- A Con-Ops is being drawn up for the North Africa Crisis response. If organizations have a logistics requirement that is not being met they should communicate it to the Logistics Sector to see if it can be included in the project overview.

7. Meeting Schedule

- Logistics Coordination meetings will be reduced to once a week on Wednesdays at 20:00 hrs, Hotel Oasis Marine, Zarzis

  Next meeting: Wednesday, 23 March 2011, 20:00 hrs, Zarzis

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