MEETING MINUTES

TRIPOLI, Libya

11 January 2012

Chair: Logistics Cluster Information Management Officer
Participants: WFP, IMC, MSF, UNFPA, DRC, FSD

Action Points:
- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to share categorisation of airlines when available – DONE
- The Logistics Cluster to provide printed maps to Logistics Cluster participants – DONE
- The Logistics Cluster to provide aviation updates on commercial airlines which are soon to be resuming operations - ONGOING
- The Logistics Cluster to inform of common storage space availability - ONGOING

Agenda:
1. REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS
2. TOUR DE TABLE: ORGANISATIONS’ OPERATIONAL PLANS
3. UPDATE ON TRANSPORT
4. AVIATION UPDATE
5. LOGISTICS CLUSTER COORDINATION

REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS

- Various regional maps and the ICAO categorization of airlines were shared.
- Participants were informed that no ferry service is currently available between Benghazi and Tripoli.
- Concerns were raised by participants regarding visa procedures and were informed there is presently no official visa procedure.

TOUR DE TABLE

WFP
- Although tax exemption is officially applicable to all humanitarian cargo, WFP is negotiating a possible waiver for port fees.
- WFP informed about their current issues with the Food Inspection Agency and advised participants to gather all the documentation needed for custom and health clearance prior the arrival of shipments.
- WFP also notified their warehouse is currently operating at full capacity.

IMC
- IMC reported issues with the particular size of medical sampling taken for testing the imported goods.

DRC
- Investigating the possibility of importing vehicles from Tunisia.
- They reported to be having issues regarding tax exemption for demining equipment.
- Reported visa issues: in Malta a DRC humanitarian worker was required to provide an official translation of the Libyan visa on his passport. Libyan visas are currently issued in Arabic only.

UNFPA
- Planning to transport Non-Food Items (NFIs) via land from Zarzis to Tripoli. They were advised that in order to speed up the border-crossing process, they should provide custom clearance authorities at the Tunisian side of the border with various documents:
  - Bill of landing
  - Cargo manifest
  - Packing list
  - An official letter drafted by their local partner LIBAID.
- It was also suggested to provide all the truck drivers with an official stamped letter stating the intended humanitarian use of the transported cargo.

MSF
- Reported issues with the local Medical Supply Office: one of their cargo ships has reached Tripoli port but the goods cannot be located.
- Informed of brigade disruptions at the international airport in Tripoli.
SWISS DEMINING FOUNDATION

- The Ministry of Defence liaised with custom authorities regarding tax exemptions for their demining equipment.

UPDATE ON TRANSPORT

- A full list of commercial transporters is available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/transporters-libya-111212/view

AVIATION UPDATE

- More commercial airlines are resuming their operations. BMI, MEA, Lufthansa and AirFrance are expected to start their schedule in February. Turkish Airlines is also now flying between Istanbul and Misrata.

LOGISTICS CLUSTER COORDINATION

- The Logistics Cluster cell in Tripoli is still operational, continuing with its coordination and advisory role. Logistic 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 Meeting is scheduled for 25 January 2012.

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