LIBYA LOGISTICS CLUSTER MEETING MINUTES

Zarzis, Tunisia
15 June 2011

Chair: WFP

Participants: Sons of Libya, Mercy Malaysia, DFID, OFDA, OCHA, MERLIN

Action Point: OCHA to circulate the outcome of the HC meeting with the Ministry of Telecommunications re. communications equipment (UN and NGO).

Action Point: Organizations requiring assistance with storage should send an official request to the LC Coordinator.

1. Situation update
   - The logistics corridor into the Nafusa Mountains is functioning well for delivery of relief goods into the area. Other possible routes have been identified should the Dehiba corridor close, but these are only accessible by 4x4 trucks with 3-5 mt capacity. Reportedly, there is a local shortage of such trucks.
   - The town of Yefrin was recently accessed for deliveries of relief goods.

2. Transport and Storage
   **Storage**
   - WFP has a small warehouse at the Zarzis Free Zone and 5 MSUs are available in stock in case of need for common storage at a later date. WFP also has a warehouse in Medenine with 1,500 mt break-bulk capacity. Some limited storage can be provided for other agencies/NGOs in these facilities should the need arise.
   - The NGO Sons of Libya has requested temporary storage in the Medenine/Dehiba warehouse.
   - IMC may also request storage space for a small amount of cargo at Dehiba.
   - The NGO Sons of Libya has offered storage in Nalut and Jado to other organizations if needed.

   **Action point:** Any organizations interested in storage should send an official request to the Cluster Cargo Officer at northafrica.cargo@wfp.org.

   **Transport**
   - IMC are using private cars/pickup trucks to move their staff and small amounts of goods into Nafusa mountains. They have a vehicle with Libyan plates which is based in Tunisia. Requests can be considered for transport of other medical staff needing to enter the Nafusa Mountains.
   - IMC noted that there is some fuel available in Nalut for 30 Tunisian dinars/20 litres which costs 20 dinars in Tunisia (including Dehiba).
   - The NGO Sons of Libya have offered to arrange transport services into Libya at cost, including refrigerated trucks to ensure cold-chain for medicines.

3. Customs
   - The Logistics Cluster advised organizations intending to bring goods for Western Libya via Tunisia to ensure clear shipping instructions. Goods should be marked “in transit for Libya” (ideally with final consignee), with the shipping agent as the consignee in Tunisia.
   - For goods destined for Government-controlled areas, the consignee should be the Libyan Red Crescent. For opposition-controlled areas the consignee is more flexible and organizations can state the name of their own organization in Libya.
   - The import of satellite phones remains an issue, but an agreement has been reached between the Tunisian Armed Forces and the Customs authorities to allow this equipment to enter Libya via Tunisia under controlled conditions.
   - Certain organizations have reportedly had satellite phones held in customs in Tunisia.
- Drugs and medical equipment are currently slow to clear through customs. A letter from TRC can ease the process, but due to a heavy backlog this can take time to obtain.
- OCHA reported that the HC has met with the Ministry of Telecommunications regarding communications equipment to try and ease the import procedures for equipment destined for humanitarian use.

**Action point:** OCHA will update the next meeting with the outcome of the HC meeting with the Ministry of Telecommunications.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 29 at the OCHA Conference Room in Zarzis.