Logistics Cluster

LIBYA LOGISTICS SECTOR MEETING MINUTES

Zarzis, Tunisia
14 July 2011

Chair: WFP
Participants: DRC, DFID, IMC, WFP, ADRA, USAID/OFDA, UNHCR, Sons of Libya, IRD, Merlin, Islamic Relief

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1. Introduction
   - The new Logistics Sector Officer welcomed participants and gave an overview of the Cluster’s role and services.
   
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2. Situation update
   - General:
     - Operational activities are still at a reduced level in the Western Mountains. There is a good transport market and logistics infrastructure is adequate, but there is still limited access for international INGO staff and limited monitoring capacity. Most NGOs are using third parties with good results.
     - The population continues to fluctuate as some families return from Tunisia into Libya for Ramadan.
     - Currently, contingency planning is the main priority for partners.

   - Access:
     - The security situation in the Nafusa Mountains remains a challenge. However humanitarian goods and food are able to enter by land from the Dehiba border crossing.
     - The inter-agency mission to the Nafusa Mountains will be conducted once UNDSS security clearance is received.

   - Warehousing:
     - WFP continues to provide access to storage space in the Zarzis Free Zone (ZFZ). Additional space can be made available by the Logistics Sector for partners who request storage space for transiting goods, bound for Libya.
     - Five Mobile Storage Units (MSUs, each 24 x 10 m) remain available for deployment in case of need.
     - There is space available for Logistics Cluster partners to install MSUs in the Tataouine Industrial zone if required.
     - WFP is finalizing the agreement for the rental of a bonded warehouse (1000 m²) in the Tataouine Industrial zone. Upon completion of the agreement the storage space in this warehouse will be made available to partners to store goods that are n transit to Libya.
     - Three operational warehouses (1,000 m² each) run by the Transitional National Council (TNC) in Nalut, Jadu and Zintan have storage space available.
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Transport:
- WFP continues to look for options to increase its transport capacity in order to deliver larger quantities of goods in the Nafusa Mountains.
- NGOs report that there is already a mechanism in place for a fleet of up to 30 trucks. This will be investigated further.
- The Logistics Sector Zarzis will assess, clarify and report on all the existing mechanisms of transport across the Libyan border to consolidate an efficient procedure for transport to Western Libya.

Action Point 3: The Logistics Sector will meet with partners and transporters in Zarzis to collect information on transport mechanisms in the area.

Customs:
- According to UNDSS, no High Frequency (HF) radio equipment can be used in Tunisia as per a government order.
- The question of importing (transiting) communication equipment is still pending. The Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) has sent an MoU concerning the question of importing/transiting communications equipment into/through Tunisia; and an answer is awaited from the Tunisian Government.
- International Medical Corps (IMC) informed partners that they were able to transit communications equipment through Tunisia and then transport it into Libya.

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3. Round table on logistics gaps and constraints
   - A Basic Inventory and Warehouse Management training for local staff will take place in Tataouine on Tuesday 19th July. Interested organizations should contact the Logistics Sector Officer in Zarzis.

4. AOB
   - The chair reminded participants to complete the online Needs Assessment Survey by the 15th of July. This will assist the Logistics Cluster North Africa in reallocating resources as per partner requirements.
   - The suggested date for the next meeting is 28 July at the OCHA conference room.

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