LOGISTICS CLUSTER – LIBYA

MEETING MINUTES

Logistics Sector, Zarzis, Tunisia
11 August 2011

Chair: Cluster Officer
Participants: WFP, WHO, I-GO AID, IMC, DFID, IOM

Action Points:
- The Logistics Sector will collect information from partners on warehousing capacities, and begin production of a map that consolidates this information.
- The Logistics Sector will communicate the rates of private transport company STTS.
- The Logistics Sector will collect information from partners on available transport capacities and service providers, and create a unified list.
- IMC and IOM will update the Logistics Sector and partners on the current customs proceedings regarding the import of telecommunication equipment.
- Logistics Sector will liaise with OMS and UNICEF for potential donations of storage capacity.

Agenda:
1. Situation Update
2. Services
3. Roundtable
4. AOB

Situation Update
- The Logistics Sector is waiting for the report being produced by the evaluation missions that had been sent into the Nafusa Mountains region.
- The International Medical Corps (IMC) has been able to reach the area of Al Ghazzabiyah (20 km northwest of Nalut); the town is reported to be empty and shows signs of fighting.
- Procedures at check points on the roads heading into the Nafusa Mountains (On both the Tunisian and Libyan sides of the border) are getting stricter; ID cards and mission orders are required.

Services
- WFP is searching for an additional warehouse in Zarzis. Storage capacity will be made available, through the Logistics Sector, for use by the humanitarian community.
- The WFP-contracted bonded warehouse in Tataouine is expected to become operational next week. Storage capacity will be made available, through the Logistics Sector, for use by the humanitarian community.
- Participants discussed the creation of a map showing warehousing capacities.
- OTI will be added to WFP’s transportation shortlist.
- WFP is now using the private company STTS to augment transport into the Nafusa Mountains. Partners expressed an interest in finding out the rates offered by STTS.
- The Logistics Sector and partners expressed interest in developing a unified list of all available transport capacities and service providers.
- It has been reported that the Tunisian Direction générale des douanes has indicated that there is now a complete ban on the import and transit of all telecommunications equipment; the Logistics Sector will verify this statement. International organizations may be granted special privileges, and it is recommended that any inquiries be addressed directly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tunis. As both IOM and IMC require telecommunications equipment to support their operations, they will update the Logistics Sector on the situation in the coming days.
- IMC will be opening an office in Zintan in the coming weeks. IMC also has an ambulance service for the wounded, in cooperation with the Libyan Red Crescent (LRC), and hospitals close to the front line around Al Zwawiyah.
- UNICEF will conclude operations in Tunisia at the end of September, operations will continue in western Libya. UNICEF has asked for support from the Logistics Sector concerning storage of their remaining stocks, pending their donation to another organization.
• IOM has issued a SRF for the transport of 14 containers from Tunis and Sfax to Dehiba, where they will be transferred to trucks for the LRC. Customs clearance, storage, and handling have been added as extra services.

**Roundtable**

• Participants agreed that logistics coordination can be optimized by facilitating collaboration between partners: sharing information about the existing transport/storage capacities and service providers, challenges and gaps, as well as discussing solutions.

**AOB**

• The next meeting is scheduled for 25 August, at 20:00.
• Partners have agreed that after the end of Ramadan, 19:00 would be the best time to begin the meeting.

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