MEETING MINUTES

ZARZIS, Tunisia

07 September 2011

Chair: Logistics Cluster Officer
Participants: Logistics Cluster

Action Points:
- Logistics Cluster to provide database of transporter information at next meeting.
- Organizations to provide their warehouse information to the Logistics Cluster

Agenda:

1. Situation Update
2. Services
3. AOB

Situation Update

- While there are still areas of conflict and the security situation in Libya remains far from stable, the road from Tunisia to Tripoli via the Ras Ajdir border crossing is open, and access is improving across the western region.
- The port of Tripoli is functioning at a lower capacity and is congested. Labour is extremely limited due to the departure of much of the workforce. It is highly recommended to palletize or containerize all shipments. Shipping goods into Tunis or Sfax and transporting it by road remains a viable option.
- Customs procedures for humanitarian goods entering Tripoli are currently flexible in line with the critical needs of the area.
- UNHAS flights are ongoing between Malta, Cairo, Djerba, Benghazi, and Misurata. While Qaser Ben Ghashir Airport is inaccessible due to damage and debris, the military airport of Mitiga northeast of Tripoli remains operational. Insurance has now been obtained for UNHAS to land here, and flights to Tripoli will begin as of Sunday, September 11. As of this date, flights into Misurata will continue from Djerba only. Details about accessing these services and the latest schedule are available at http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/unhas-schedule-and-forms.

Services

- The WFP-chartered vessel MV FEHIM BEY is continuing to shuttle between Malta, Benghazi, Misurata and Tripoli. The contract for the vessel has been extended until the end of September. All organizations wishing to send cargo or passengers are invited to contact the Logistics Cluster. Service request forms are available at http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a.
- The Logistics Cluster in Tunisia is organizing customs workshops for organizations bringing relief supplies from Tunisia into Libya. Presentations will be given by freight forwarding agents alongside a customs officer. The goal is to familiarize all partners on basic customs clearance procedures and provide a reference tool for the continuing operation. Topics will include both goods imported into Tunisia for Libya and the export of local purchases.
- Measures are underway to ensure increased capacity for road transport from Tunisia into Libya, including the Nafusa Mountain area. This will be made available for interagency transport on a cost-recovery basis. A revision of rates is underway now that the security situation in Libya has eased. This information will be shared with the Cluster at the next meeting. Organizations are also invited to share their transporter information and rates to ensure that transport costs are consistent.
- The 2,000 m2 WFP bonded warehouse in Tataouine is now operational and space is available for interagency use. There is also storage available in the Zarzis Free Zone. Additional space can be sourced in either location if there is a demand.
- Warehousing in the Nafusa Mountain areas is currently available through the NTC.
- Partners have been asked to share their current warehouse capacity in Tunisia with the Logistics Cluster for mapping and planning purposes.
- The Logistics Cluster maintains GIS capacity for logistics-related maps. All existing maps are available for download at Special requests from organizations can be accepted.

AOB
- The Emergency Telecoms Cluster has equipment ready to be installed in Tripoli as soon as a common compound can be established. For all requirements and information partners are invited to contact Ozdzan Hadziemin – ozdzan.hadziemin@wfp.org, tel: 0021 628 493 908.
- Telecoms sans Frontières (TSF) has installed a VSAT facility in the Nalut LRC Center, a Bgan facility in Jadu hospital, a VSAT facility in Yefren media center and Wifi connectivity in the Yefren hospital. Further connections towards Gharyan will be considered as security improves.
- The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 21 September at 19:00 at the Odyssée Hotel, meeting room #4.

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