LOGISTICS CLUSTER (BENIN OPERATION) SITUATION REPORT
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1 SITUATION UPDATE

- COTONOU, Benin (October 21, 2010) - For the past five weeks, more than half of the communes in Benin have been severely affected by floods due to an unusually heavy rainy season. Twice the normal amount of rain has lashed the country and affected more than 360,000 people. Assessments are being conducted to assess the damage to the road network and infrastructure.
- Fifty-one out of 77 communes in the country are affected. Even the floods of 1963, which are remembered as the worst disaster that Benin has ever known, did not cause as much destruction as this year’s floods.

2 LOGISTICS CLUSTER UPDATE

- The Logistics Cluster was formally activated in Benin on 18 October, in response to the floods which have affected 360,000 people.
- A Logistics Cluster Officer has been deployed to Cotonou to support flood assessment, analysis of logistics gaps and development of a response strategy.
- The primary logistics gap is in the area of coordination and information sharing.
- The Logistics Cluster will circulate information on available transporters and fuel rates, as this has been requested by many organisations.
- The first Logistics Cluster meeting is tentatively planned for 25 October.
- To receive regular updates please subscribe to the Benin Logistics Cluster mailing list by sending an email to benin.logs@logcluster.org. Updates will also be posted on the Benin Operations page - http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ben10a as the situation progresses.

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