LOGISTICS CLUSTER
(BENIN OPERATION) SITUATION REPORT
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1 LOGISTICS COORDINATION

• A Logistics Response Team (LRT) has completed an assessment of logistics gaps in Benin following the recent floods. The assessment indicates that there is adequate private sector capacity for road and river transport and for storage of relief cargo. The assessment also found no need for establishment of an air operation and no major bottlenecks were anticipated at the international airport. Until now there have been no major problems experienced with customs clearance and fuel availability is deemed adequate.

• Based on this assessment, the LRT has recommended that the role of the Logistics Cluster in Benin should focus on logistics coordination and information management. A draft Concept of Operations (ConOps) outlining the Logistics Cluster’s proposed activities will be circulated for discussion at the next Logistics Cluster meeting on 27 October.

• UNHCR has requested Logistics Cluster support with receipt, onward transport and storage of 3,000 family tents which are being airlifted from Copenhagen. The Logistics Cluster will provide support and if necessary may facilitate the temporary use of WFP storage space in Cotonou.

2 TRANSPORT

• There are boats in stock at UNHRD Accra, and they are available for deployment if needed; so far no requests have been received.

• The Logistics Cluster has posted a list of transporters from the website of the Port of Cotonou at the following location: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ben10a/list_of_transporters_for_benin/view.

• The Logistics Cluster has also posted a list of transporters from WFP on its website at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ben10a/list_of_transporters_for_benin_101025/view.

3 INFRASTRUCTURE

• A Logistics Planning map for Benin has been posted on the Logistics Cluster website at the following location: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ben10a/general-logistics-and-planning-map.
4 CUSTOMS

- The Logistics Cluster has posted information on customs tax exemption procedures at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ben10a/customs_guidelines/view.

5 OPERATIONAL UPDATES

- Many humanitarian organisations have limited stocks in country and are appealing to the international community in order to mobilize a response.
- The Government has distributed over 1,100 mt of food and basic NFIs in various locations.
- The Benin Red Cross has been distributing Shelter and WASH kits.
- UNICEF is supporting therapeutic feeding at hospitals and therapeutic centres in several communes. It is establishing WASH programmes and has begun distribution of 1,000 buckets.
- UNHCR expects to receive two DC10 airlifts of 3,000 family tents from Copenhagen (1,500 tents per flight). Some 100 tents are already available in the country.
- WFP plans to provide 15,798 mt of food to 450,000 beneficiaries. Local and Regional food procurement is underway.

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