GENERAL OVERVIEW

- Haiti’s Prime Minister resigned on 24 February 2012 after less than 5 months in office, due to weeks of tension with Haiti’s President and his advisors. The Humanitarian Community and Civil Society expressed concerns that these recent developments will have an impact and delay recovery and reconstruction efforts. Garry Conille has been serving as chief of staff for Bill Clinton who, as the UN special envoy for Haiti, is a key player in deciding how the impoverished country will spend millions in international reconstruction aid.

- Donors pledged USD 4.5 billion in aid but only half that amount has been reportedly released. The World Bank-run Haiti Reconstruction Fund (http://www.haitireconstructionfund.org), has more than USD 100 million on hold pending the government’s approval of projects to be carried out in a transparent and coordinated manner.

- Haiti has the highest cholera infection rate in the world, according to a statement made by ‘Partners in Health’, who will launch a vaccination campaign in the coming weeks to stem the spread of the disease. To date, the Ministry of Health recorded over 525,000 cumulative Cholera cases and more than 7,000 deaths since the beginning of the epidemic in October 2010 (source: http://www.mspp.gouv.ht). The Health Cluster issued a report on 12 February 2012, listing 30 Cholera Treatment Centres and 169 Cholera Treatment Units that are currently operational in 9 out of 10 departments. Only one remains solely under the management of an NGO (IMC); the others are either public (MSPP), private or a mix.

- Due to security, health-and sanitation related concerns, the Humanitarian Community monitored this month’s National Carnival festivities, which are deeply rooted in Haiti’s culture and the years’ most important event. Main celebrations took place in the country’s third-largest town in Les Cayes/ Sud département, which wasn’t prepared for the over 300,000 visitors that it received. However, festivities were running smoothly and no major incidents were reported.

- A Security Council delegation from New York was on a 4-day visit in Port-au-Prince, Léogâne and Miragoâne mid February, to assess the implementation of relevant resolutions concerning the UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti, and to discuss the situation in the country with Government officials and civil society representatives. The visit focused on police reform and living conditions of Haitians who remain displaced.

- The Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), a monitoring tool utilized by the Camp Coordination and Camp Management/E-shelter Cluster indicates that the total number of people living in IDP sites is now less than 500,000. “It’s about one third of the population initially displaced, namely there are about 491,000 individuals remaining in 660 sites in the earthquake affected areas (47 less than in January 2012). Since the height of the displacement crisis in July 2010 (an estimated 1.5 million individuals were living in IDP sites), some 33 per cent of the original camp population remains in IDP sites”.

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**2 SECURITY**

- The **overall situation** throughout Haiti **remains stable** but has the potential to deteriorate at any given time.

**3 COORDINATION**

- The Logistics Cluster is finalising its **2012 Workplan** and participated in a “WFP workplan workshop”, which was held in Port-au-Prince from 22-24 February 2012. Main activities will be:
  - Completion of transfer of all operational activities to the WFP Logistics unit;
  - Cluster Transition;
  - Institutional Capacity Building;
  - Hand-over of GIS capacity to WFP’s Vulnerability Analysis & Mapping unit (VAM);
  - Preparedness activities, including finalizing the construction of hurricane-proof warehouses; and prepositioning of trucks,
  - Feasibility study for an airport contingency plan and eased customs clearance procedures (in collaboration with OCHA and Haitian authorities);
  - Strengthen collaboration with Dominican authorities (given the fact that Santo Domingo was the main entry point at the beginning of the earthquake relief operation).

- The Logistics Cluster is working with WFP HQ in Rome on **extending grants** related to the **Special Operation** in Haiti. Some funds have not been fully spent yet; however these resources are still required in order to sustain continuity in the implementation of inter-agency logistics activities.

- Support was provided to UNHAS with the finalisation of the **2011 report** for the **Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)**.

- **Logistics Cluster coordination meetings** in Port-au-Prince took place on 14 and 28 February 2012. Main topics discussed in the first meeting were logistics service provision provided now by WFP, latest cartographic products, and ongoing Global Logistics Cluster evaluation. The NGO “All Hands Volunteers” presented their activities on the Joint Logistics Base (JLB) in Léogâne, which they are managing. NGO “Action Secours Ambulance” introduced participants to a new initiative called “PONT”, open for all NGOs operating in Haiti. And WHO gave another update on the forthcoming country-wide vaccination campaign for approx. 3 million infants and children, and requested logistics support (transport, storage, field observers). During the second meeting an update was provided from various inter-agency meetings, a preliminary summary after the Global Logistics Cluster evaluation mission, service provision provided by WFP and latest cartographic products.

- The “**Logistics & Supply Working Group – Cholera**” met on 07 February 2012 in Port-au-Prince. This monthly meeting is chaired by the **Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population - MSPP**, and ensures coordination activities with the Government of Haiti. Main topic discussed was the online common commodity tracking system.

- For representatives of the Direction de la Protection Civile - DPC, the Logistics Cluster organized the **visits of storage facilities** currently under construction in Jérémie /Grand’Anse département and Port-de-Paix/Nord-Ouest département. The warehouses will be hurricane-proof and are being constructed by WFP with the aim of handing them over to the DPC on the long-term.

- The Logistics Cluster is **facilitating the donation of equipment** previously used for humanitarian ‘Camp Charlie’. This camp was jointly established by WFP-Logistics Cluster and the International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) at the beginning of the earthquake response operation in 2010 for a period of eight months, and was able to accommodate up to 450 aid workers. The application process closed on 31 January 2012. An **Allocation Committee**, composed of representatives from the DPC, OCHA, IFRC, WFP and the Logistics Cluster, met on 27 February 2012 to review over **100 applications received from 96 organisations**. All items have been allocated, mainly favouring local NGOs whose projects are related to hospitals and other health centres, schools and orpanages.
4 ASSESSMENTS / EVALUATIONS

- The Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) for Haiti was finalised at field level, and will now be reviewed by HQ. The compiled information was entered directly into the digital LCA database.

- A member of the Joint Global Logistics Cluster Evaluation team was on a mission in Haiti from 13-17 February 2012. The independent evaluator met with Logistics Cluster participants, the Humanitarian Coordinator, WFP Management, OCHA’s Coordination team, Inter-Cluster Coordination group, the IFRC, as well as donors (ECHO) and Government institutions (DPC, DINEPA). The programme also included WFP and WHO warehouse visits. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess and report on the quality and results of Logistics Cluster activities in Haiti since the start of the earthquake relief operation in January 2010. This evaluation was initiated by the Global Logistics Cluster and is meant to be a learning exercise to ultimately improve how the Global Logistics Cluster functions on a strategic level and also how humanitarian partners (and in this case WFP as Cluster Lead) can improve operationally clusters in the field. 3 countries were selected for a field visits: Pakistan, South Sudan and Haiti.

5 SERVICE PROVISION

- The delayed arrival of a fuel tanker at Port-au-Prince seaport caused a shortage of gasoline (but not diesel). To mitigate the effect of this delay, the Government of Haiti authorised an exceptional road convoy on 08 February 2012 to temporarily re-supply from the Dominican Republic. The Logistics Cluster informed and encouraged its participants to take precautionary measures. However, the shortage had no impact on ongoing operations; and the vessel with the expected fuel delivery arrived on 12 February 2012.

- Logistics Cluster participants, who don’t want to use transport- and warehouse services under the new concept of ‘cost-recovery’ provided by WFP, are vacating WFP/Logistics Cluster storage facilities. At the same time WFP Service Level Agreements (SLA) are being discussed and finalised with those who wish to continue using services.

- Transport tariffs are the same as those paid by WFP to transporters (based on the last bid), plus 14% management fees charged by WFP.

- Storage costs are currently as follows:

  Port-au-Prince:
  - USD 13 USD / m² / month for storage in a WFP warehouse or Mobile Storage Unit;
  - USD 5 / m² / month for open storage on a WFP compound;
  - plus 14% management fees.

  Départements:
  - USD 8 USD / m² / month for storage in a WFP warehouse or Mobile Storage Unit;
  - USD 2 / m² / month for open storage on a WFP compound;
  - plus 14% management fees.

- More information is available at http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/snapshot-service-provision-1112/view, or email: haiti.serviceprovision@wfp.org

- WFP is receiving requests from other organisations regarding the potential provision of maintenance services for vehicles and generators, where WFP has its fleet and workshops based. The Logistics Cluster helps to identify needs of Cluster participants, in order to compile a comprehensive list of regular basic services, which could be offered by WFP to potential clients.

- The Logistics Cluster Capacity Inventory Matrix for Haiti is currently being updated together with Cluster participants in the frame of the inter-agency preparedness activities. This information is also required in order to update the map about warehouse and transport capacities in country.
6 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM - GIS

- The Logistics Cluster GIS team continues to update its key cartographic products. This month, the maps ‘Haiti – Etat des routes’ was published and the map ‘Dépôts en moyens logistiques des participants du Cluster Logistique’ is currently being updated.

- The team also followed up with map requests received from Logistics Cluster participants, namely Heartland Alliance, MERLIN, SOLIDARITES, UNICEF, International Management Group (IMG / European Commission) and Global DIRT (Disaster Immediate Response Team).

- Several cartographic products are also underway for WFP’s Nutrition unit as well as for the Vulnerability Analysis & Mapping unit. Among others ‘Changement de la production vivrière par commune’ was updated and shared with Officials of the “Coordination Nationale de la Sécurité Alimentaire - CNSA”.

- Logistics Cluster map products are available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/docs?doctype=Maps%20&%20Geograph

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