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1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

• November - final month of the official Caribbean Hurricane Season. No serious weather-related problems arose in the past four weeks. Tropical Storm “Sean” moved across the Atlantic Ocean towards the Caribbean Sea in the second week; however path projections indicated early on that it would be unlikely for the tropical system to have an impact on Haiti, as it was soon moving away, passing by the Bermudas.

• Increased seismic activity was recorded in the Caribbean Plate between 12 and 14 November 2011. The United States Geological Survey reported seven light quakes, which were felt on various islands. This included Haiti, where a quake with a 4.3 magnitude on the Richter scale occurred. The epicentre was located in the Léogâne area, the town which was at the epicentre of the 7.0 earthquake on 12 January 2010. A second series of three light quakes (ranging from magnitude 2.9 to 5.2 on the Richter scale) was recorded on 28 November 2011, for the same area. The Civil Protection has not reported any damage or casualties.

• The Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP) published its latest figures on 08 November, recording 496,337 cumulative Cholera cases, including 265,784 hospitalisations and 6,797 deaths, since the beginning of the epidemic. The majority of the cases are still being registered in the Ouest Département followed by Artibonite were the disease broke out. Public health awareness campaigns remain ongoing. According to the latest bulletin issued by the Health Cluster this month, “the epidemiological tendency of Cholera has seen outbreaks in highly populated urban areas that have spread to rural zones. This epidemic tendency is likely to continue for the next 2-3 years (...) until it reaches a stabilized endemic phase”.

• Even though the IDP population in camps decreased by 63% in one year, the pace of exit from camps has slowed down in the past months. “This reflects the complexity of the urban displacement crisis”, according to OCHA, who also highlights that the number of camps under threat of eviction multiplied by more than three in one year.

• Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General and UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Haiti, Mr Nigel Fisher, said at a press briefing in New York on 29 November that “88% out of the USD 4.6 billion in aid pledged by countries last year, have already been dispersed or committed to specific projects”, and that impact of large-scale recovery projects in Haiti show signs of progress.

• On 29/30 November, the “Invest in Haiti” – Forum took place in Port-au-Prince, sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank, Clinton Foundation and US Government. Over 1,000 participants, including Haitian Government officials, donor representatives, and over 500 local and foreign business people from 29 countries attended the event. Concrete business opportunities in sectors such as apparel, tourism and agribusiness were discussed, as well as infrastructure projects related to Haiti’s reconstruction and long term development efforts. (Source: Press Release, 30 Nov.).
2 SECURITY

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

3 COORDINATION

- Field submissions for the **2012 Consolidated Appeals Project** (CAP) were **finalised** early November. After review by HQs of Cluster Lead Agencies, OCHA and the Humanitarian Coordinator, the final document was published on 23 November 2011 and is available at: [http://reliefweb.int/node/460757](http://reliefweb.int/node/460757).

- All Clusters finalised their **Transition Plan**. The Logistics Cluster is planning to continue its **coordination activities** during the first half of next year; however logistics services – transport and storage – will be provided by WFP Logistics on a “cost-recovery” basis as of 01 January 2012. The Logistics Cluster also aims to reinforce **capacity strengthening activities** with the Direction de la Protection Civile (DPC) and the Centre National de l’Information Géo-Spatiale (CNIGS).

- The Logistics Cluster is working on an **extension of its Special Operation** (SO) in Haiti to support Cluster activities for another 6 months, until the end of June 2012. The document outlines previous and current activities, the justification for an extension and expected outcome; it also includes a budget revision.

- The Logistics Cluster is also working on the annual **Standard Project Report** (SPR), a progress report on the Logistics Cluster SO in Haiti for its donors. The document highlights operational objectives, results, performance indicators, output, outcome, partnerships, lessons learnt and donor contributions.

- **Humanitarian Partnership Mission**: a high-level delegation from new donor countries – Argentina, Brazil, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary and South Africa – led by Norway and accompanied by Germany and New Zealand, visited Haiti on 17/18 November 2011. As part of the mission, the delegation visited Logistics Cluster inter-agency storage facilities in Gonaives/Artibonite Département and Les Cayes/Sud Département.

- **Logistics Cluster coordination meetings** in Port-au-Prince took place on 08 and 22 November 2011. The first meeting of the month was attended by participants representing 10 international and local NGOs. Topics presented were Cluster transition plan, service provision and the forthcoming “cost-recovery” system, as well as current GIS activities. The second meeting was held with participants representing 13 UN agencies and NGOs. Main subject discussed was customs issues, but also briefings on service provision and cartographic products were delivered.

4 TRANSPORT

- All **Logistics Cluster users** have been **officially informed about the change of service provision starting 01 January 2012**. The system of “cost-recovery” will be introduced, in order to avoid competition with the local market, but also to ensure resources for a potential re-activation of free services in case of an emergency. More information is available at [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/Haiti_transport_et_stockage](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/Haiti_transport_et_stockage)
• 118 mt of Cholera relief supplies and education material were transported from Port-au-Prince to various locations country-wide on behalf of WHO/PAHO and UNICEF. In addition a generator was moved for WHO/PAHO from the capital to Jeremie.

• In the regions support was provided to MEDAIR with the transport of WASH items from Jacmel to Lavanneau, both Sud-Est département. Cholera relief supplies were moved within the area of Jacmel on behalf of Save the Children. Main user in the regions remains WFP, where predominantly food items are being dispatched from Cap-Haitien, Gonaives and Jacmel to the surrounding areas.

• The inter-agency fleet, managed by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), continues to operate out of the following locations:
  o Port-au-Prince/Tabarre1: 7x M6, 13x Internationals, 5x Mack, 2x jet fuel trucks, 2x fuel trucks;
  o Cap-Haitien: 10x M6 trucks serve the Nord-Est Département;
  o Gonaives: 14x M6 trucks serve the Artibonite and Nord-Ouest Dépt;
  o Jacmel: 16x M6 trucks and 1 DAF truck serve the Sud-Est Dépt;
  o Les Cayes: 2x M6 trucks serve the Sud, Grand’Anse and Nippes Dépts.

  Photo: 3x fuel tanks, capacity 13,000 gallons, for the inter-agency fleet, WFP compound, Cap-Haitien, 23 Nov 2011

• To use Logistics Cluster services, please see: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/how-to-access-the-logistics-cluster-services-in-haiti or write to haiti.cargo@logcluster.org

5 STORAGE

• Due to the forthcoming introduction of a cost-recovery system for service provision, WFP has evaluated its storage fees. Cluster service users can contact haiti.cargo@logcluster.org for more information.

• On the inter-agency storage site in Tabarre 1/Port-au-Prince 12 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are in place. The facility is currently used by CBM, COOPI, Croix Rouge Française, FAO, ILF, J/P HRO, IRC, Merlin, MSPP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO/PAHO.

• In Cap-Haitien there are two MSUs for inter-agency storage on the WFP compound, each with a capacity of 550 mt. One is used by WHO/PAHO; the second one by MSF-CH. The compound is also used by local NGO Konbit Santé, who is storing their items in a 2x 40’ container. IFRC prepositioned 4x 40’ container on the compound. Oxfam and UNICEF are storing their commodities in an open space on the compound. The WFP concrete warehouse (600 m²) at the port is dedicated to NFIs and is currently used by IOM, UNICEF and WFP. One MSU with a capacity of 550 mt is available in Fort Liberté.

• The WFP Logistics base in Gonaives consists of three concrete warehouses, each with a capacity of 4,500 mt. One warehouse is available for the Humanitarian Community and currently used by ACF, CARE, CRS, FAO, Handicap International, IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO/PAHO and USAID. Storage space is available. The other two warehouses are used by WFP for the storage of food.

• In Jacmel five MSUs are set up on the WFP storage compound No.2, out of which four have a storage capacity of 350 mt and one of 550 mt. One MSU with a capacity of 350 mt (240 m²) is available for inter-agency use. Another MSU with the same capacity was given on loan to UNICEF, who is managing their own cargo storage. The other three tents are being used by WFP for food and non food items. Insulation of the steel hurricane-proof warehouse still has to be completed and a ventilation system installed, but commodities are already being stored in the facility.

• The WFP warehouse compound ‘Bergeaud’ located just outside Les Cayes has two steel hurricane proof warehouses (550 m² each) in place, which are being used by IOM, TdH, UNICEF, WFP and WHO/PAHO. In addition, three MSUs serve as storage space for CRS (2) and WFP (1). Storage space is available.

• Two semi-permanent hurricane proof warehouses, each with a capacity of 550 m², are being constructed in Jérémie and the second one in Port-de-Paix. The concrete base in Jérémie is built and the fencing installed.

http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a
• A storage site was identified in Miragoane, where a MSU from Logistics Cluster stocks in Port-au-Prince shall be installed for inter-agency use.

6 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM - GIS

• The Logistics Cluster GIS team continues to update its key cartographic products. This month, the maps Haiti - Entrepôts du PAM and Haiti - Zones de risques d'inondation were updated, circulated and published.
• The team also followed up with map requests received from Logistics Cluster participants, namely Terre des Hommes, UNICEF, various WFP units such as Nutrition, Cantine Scolaire, VAM and the sub-office in Jacmel, as well as OCHA.
• Data editing was focused on the Haiti river shapefile for inclusion in the UN Spatial Data for Infrastructure (UN SDI) database.
• The submission of the «Bulletin météo du jour», which is issued by the Centre National de Météorologie - Haiti and shared with Logistics Cluster participants on a daily basis, will be discontinued as of 01 December, the end of the official Hurricane Season.
• The team organised a GPS and road assessment training in Hinche/Centre Département on 30 Nov/01 Dec 2011. Twelve participants from four different organisations participated. After Cap-Haitien and Jacmel this was the third of a series of trainings that are being conducted in the regions. The next one is scheduled to take place in Gonaives/Artibonite in December 2011.
• Logistics Cluster map products are available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/docs?doctype=Maps%20%26%20Geograph

7 CIVIL / MILITARY LIAISON

• The Logistics Cluster liaised with MINUSTAH in the Grand’Anse Département for the provision of logistics and security assistance related to the construction of a WFP steel hurricane-proof warehouse in Jérémie.
• On 28 November 2011, the Logistics Cluster conducted a workshop for WFP staff on the recently endorsed guidelines for Civil-Military Coordination in Haiti. The objective of the seminar was to facilitate an understanding of civil-military relations in the unique operational context of Haiti characterized by a high exposure to natural hazards with some degree of political and social insecurity.

8 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

• Logistics Cluster is currently in the process of recalling the trucks that were prepositioned in strategic areas across the country to face possible road blockages during the 2011 Hurricane Season.
• The Logistics Cluster liaised with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Working Group (EP&R WG) and OCHA for the revision of the WG’s Terms of Reference, to reflect activities to be implemented during the next year. These include the elaboration of a multi-hazard contingency plan, the conduction of joint simulation exercises and the strengthening of coordination mechanisms.
• In addition, the Logistics Cluster assisted the WFP sub-offices in Leogane, Cap-Haitien, Hinche and Jacmel for the roll-out of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Package (EPRP), and provided a briefing on the conduction of simulation exercises.
• A “2011 Hurricane Season – Lessons Learnt” workshop was organised by the Direction de la Protection Civile (DPC) in Montrouis on 30 Nov/02 Dec 2011. It was attended by representatives of the Haitian Government, Humanitarian Community and MINUSTAH. A joint Action Plan was elaborated in order to be better prepared in 2012. The Logistics Cluster, together with UNDP, was part of the team that prepared the workshop and participated in the event with a presentation on the 2012 Simulation Exercise.

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