Overview

- Cap-Haïtien is located at the north coast of Haiti and has approximately 190,000 inhabitants.
- Road access from Gonaïves and from the Dominican Republic is good all year round.
- Trucks leaving Port-au-Prince need approx 24 hrs to reach the city.
- WFP, IOM and MINUSTAH have permanent offices there. Other organisations like UNDP, UNICEF, WHO and OCHA are being hosted on the MINUSTAH compound.
- Inter-agency meetings take place on a fortnightly basis and are chaired by OCHA.

Seaport

The APN (Autorité Portuaire Nationale) International port of Cap-Haïtien is located at 19°45'31.16''N, 72°11'50.02''W, near the centre of the city. Trucks carrying cargo from the port area to the warehouses outside the city need to go through traffic in the city.

- The port serves as container port with one terminal for 10% of the national import (10,000 TEUs).
- There is one terminal and two global shipping lines (MSC & PRESTIGE SHIPPING) serving the port.
- 3 vessels can arrive at a time.
- Commercial cargo arrives containerised; humanitarian cargo mainly in break-bulk.
- The terminal owns container handling equipment. Other types of equipment, e.g. mobile cranes and forklifts, are scarcely available. There are two mobile cranes (private, not owned by the APN) to serve all in the port. It is expensive to rent.
- Bulk handling is almost exclusively received as bagged or bundled cargo, which is handled as break-bulk.
- No grain elevators, silos or other mechanical bulk handling equipment is available.
- Handling is being done by private port operators (Cap Terminal SA) and paid by WFP when handling WFP cargo.
- There are no reported congestion problems.

Storage facility at the port

- WFP has a concrete warehouse at the port (60x10m), which is currently used by UNICEF (NFIs) and WFP (food for work).
- The warehouse was given to WFP by the APN, who is being paid by WFP every six months for maintenance and staff.
- All contracting is being done in Port-au-Prince.
- Also customs clearance is centralized in the capital.

Storage capacity on the WFP compound

- The WFP compound is located in the eastern part of the city on Route 2.
- 2 concrete warehouses (54.4x18.3 and 96x24) with a capacity of 6,500mt for WFP food.
- 4 Mobile Storage Units, with a total capacity of 2,000mt, for inter-agency use.
- IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and a few local NGOs are currently using these mobile storage facilities.
- WFP is taking care of the loading of trucks on behalf of some other organisations upon request.

Transport capacity

- 5x M6 trucks, out of which 4 are dedicated for inter-agency use. These are managed by Handicap International/Atlas Logistique (HI/AL). These trucks serve the Nord-Est département, especially those areas which are difficult to access and are not served by commercial companies.
- There are no major commercial companies in the city. WFP for example has contracts with individuals, who have a truck or two that can be contracted.
- A workshop which services both, the inter-agency fleet and WFP, is located on the WFP compound and is in the process of being fully re-equipped after the looting in November 2010.

Emergency Preparedness

- 2x 20’ containers with various equipment (prefabs, MSUs, wheelbarrows, pickaxes, etc.) are prepositioned on the WFP compound. 2 MSUs and 2 gensets were taken from this emergency stock and loaned to MSF/CH for their Cholera Treatment Centres in town.