Overview

- Jacmel is the capital of the Sud-Est department and is located at the south coast of Haiti. The town has approximately 40,000 inhabitants and an estimated population of 137,000 in the commune Jacmel.
- Road access from Port-au-Prince can be challenging during the rainy and hurricane season. Heavy rains can cause landslides and roads can be impassable.
- Trucks leaving Port-au-Prince need approximately 4 hrs to reach the town.
- WFP and UNFPA have permanent offices in Jacmel and share a compound on Airport Road. Other organisations like UNICEF and OCHA are being hosted on the MINUSTAH compound. UNDP and IOM have a permanent office too as well as numerous NGOs.
- Logistics Cluster inter-agency meetings take place now once a month and are chaired by WFP.

Seaport

- The APN (Autorité Portuaire Nationale) International port of Jacmel is located at 18°13’49.56”N, 72°32’11.45”W, near the centre of the city.
- The port has one pier. Small and medium size vessels can harbour here.
- Cargo arrives containerised or in break-bulk.
- The terminal owns neither container handling equipment, nor mobile cranes or forklifts. The equipment has to come along on board of the vessel.
- No grain elevators, silos or other mechanical bulk handling equipment is available.
- Handling is being done by private port operators and paid by WFP when handling WFP cargo.
- There are no storage facilities at the port.
- There are no reported congestion problems.

Airstrip

- Jacmel has an airstrip capable of handling small to medium sized planes. MINUSTAH and commercial air carriers have a weekly flight schedule from and to Jacmel from various locations in Haiti.
- A helicopter landing zone is located right next to airstrip.
- The airport building was recently renovated and includes a new waiting hall for passengers. No storage facilities are available.
- At the beginning of the earthquake relief operation one vessel (arriving from Santo Domingo / Dominican Republic) was handled per day. The traffic significantly decreased with one ship arriving every 6-8 weeks.

Storage capacity on the WFP compounds

- There are two WFP storage compounds in Jacmel.
- WFP compound No. 1, which includes the WFP office, is located on Airport Road, opposite Texaco gas station. Two MSUs with a capacity of 350mt (24x10m) and two MSUs with a capacity of 550mt (32x10m) accommodate WFP food items.
- WFP compound No. 2 is located behind the Texaco gas station. Five MSUs have been set up, out of which four have a storage capacity of 350mt and one of 550mt. One MSU with a capacity of 350mt (24x10m) has been made available by the Logistics Cluster 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 two tents are being used by WFP for food items and one for non food items.
- WFP is taking care of the loading of trucks on behalf of some other organisations upon request.

Transport capacity

- The inter-agency fleet consists out of 16x M6 trucks and 1x DAF truck and is based at WFP compound No 1. These trucks serve the Sud-Est départment.
- Organizations that require transport services can submit their requests to haiti.cargo@logcluster.org by using the Cargo Movement Request (CMR) form. For first-time users or for further information on the service provision, please visit: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/how-to-access-the-logistics-cluster-services-in-haiti
- There are a number of commercial companies in town. WFP for example has contracts with five of them.
- A workshop which services both, the inter-agency fleet and WFP, is located on the WFP compound No 1.

Emergency Preparedness

- 1 x 20”container with various equipment (prefabs, MSUs, generators, wheel barrows, pickaxes, etc.) has been prepositioned by WFP on the WFP compound No. 2.

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