Haiti Operation – Snapshot

Transport and storage in Les Cayes

Overview

- **Les Cayes** is the capital of the **Sud Département** and is located on the south-western coast of Haiti. The town has an estimated population of 46,000 inhabitants.
- **Road access** from Port-au-Prince is good all year round. The only bottleneck is in Petit Goave, where a bridge is under construction.
- Trucks leaving Port-au-Prince need approximately 6.5 hrs to reach Les Cayes.
- **WFP, UNICEF** and **UNDP** have permanent offices here and are being hosted on the MINUSTAH compound. Other organisations like **IOM** and numerous NGOs have their own offices in town. **UNEP** is establishing an office in Port Salut.
- **Logistics Cluster inter-agency meetings** take place as needed.

Seaport

- The port in **Les Cayes** is located at **18°11'22.89"N, 73°44'52.56"W** and is managed and administered by the **Autorité Portuaire Nationale (APN)**. It is a smaller port with one damaged pier and one new pier under construction.

Photos 1&2: Two piers - one damaged, one under construction, July 2011.

- The new pier (depth 4m) is being built for the Police and the Coast Guard.
- **No vessel can harbour here**, they need to anchor off shore. Cargo must be offloaded into rowing boats and brought to the pier for manual unloading.
- **There are no cranes, fork lifts or other handling devices**.
- **No grain elevators, silos or other mechanical bulk handling equipment** is available.
- **There are no storage facilities directly** at the port.
- **There is a customs office at the entrance to the port**.

Airstrip

- **Les Cayes** has a small airport called “Antoine Simone des Cayes”.
- The strip is **1,200m long** and has a width of **26m**.

Photo 3: Airstrip in Les Cayes, July 2011.

- **A helicopter landing zone** is located next to airstrip.
- The small airport building has a waiting hall for passengers.
- **There are no storage facilities and no fuel depot**.

Storage facilities

- There are two WFP storage sites in Les Cayes.

- **One WFP concrete warehouse** is located downtown near the seaport. It has a 1,400m3 storage capacity. **WFP, UNICEF, IOM, WHO/PAHO** and **TdH** are currently using the facility. **Storage space is available**.
- **The WFP warehouse compound 'Bergeaud'** is just outside town (to the east); the location (146m x 84m = 12,264m2) was rented in 2010 from a private owner. **A Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) for WFP food items** and two **MSUs for CRS** are located on this site. The erection of two steel hurricane proof warehouses (550m² each) was recently completed. Storage space is available.
- **WFP** is taking care of the loading of trucks on behalf of other organisations upon request.
- **The IOM warehouse compound** is next to WFP’s in Bergeaud. **CRS also has a concrete warehouse downtown**.

Photo 4: WFP warehouse downtown near the port. //Photos 5,6,7,8: WFP compound 'Bergeaud'. //Photo 9: Two M6 trucks based in 'Bergeaud', July 2011.

Transport capacity

- **The fleet consists out of 2x M6 trucks** which are based at the WFP compound 'Bergeaud'. These trucks serve the **Sud, Grand' Anse** and **Nippes Départements**.

- Organizations that require transport services can submit their requests to **haiti.cargo@logcluster.org** by using the Cargo Movement Request form: **http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ht10a/how-to-access-the-logistics-cluster-services-in-haiti**

- **There are a number of commercial companies in town**, of which four have been short-listed by WFP.
- **The workshop** on the WFP compound No 1 in Jacmel also serves Les Cayes.

Emergency Preparedness

- **Croix Rouge Française** and **UNICEF** have begun to pre-position various items and equipment in the WFP compound 'Bergeaud'.

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