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, http://www.apn.gouv.ht/). It is a smaller port with one damaged pier and one new pier under construction.

- 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, forklifts 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.
  - No night landing possible.
  - It is serviced by Tortug’Air (on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from Port-au-Prince; return flights on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays); MINUSTAH has an irregular flight schedule and serves according to the demand.

- 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.

Transport and storage in Les Cayes

Storage facilities
- The WFP inter-agency warehouse compound 'Bergeaud' is located 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) at WFP food items and two MSUs for CRS are located on this site. The erection of two steel hurricane proof warehouses (550m² each) was completed in July. The site is also being used by UNICEF, IOM, WHO/PAHO and TdH. 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 has a concrete warehouse downtown.

Transport capacity
- The fleet consists 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 Francaise and UNICEF pre-positioned various items and equipment at the WFP inter-agency compound 'Bergeaud'.

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