LOCATION: Ecuador
DATE: 11 May 2016

**Situation Overview**

- The Government of Ecuador continues to lead the emergency response following the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit the central coast of Ecuador on 16 April 2016 – killing over 650 people, injuring thousands and causing extensive damage to buildings and infrastructure.

- The WFP-led Logistics Sector group is supporting relief efforts with Logistics Coordination, Information Management, and Service Facilitation on behalf of the humanitarian community.

- The joint Flash Appeal by the United Nations and the Government of Ecuador – covering April to July – is currently under revision.

- WFP issued a Special Operation (SO) to augment the logistics response capacity in Ecuador. So far, only funds advanced by WFP to allow for immediate response to the emergency have been received to support the activities outlined in the SO.

**Temporary Storage**

- In response to the need for appropriate temporary storage, WFP has set up temporary storage facilities and logistics hubs in strategic locations, on a free-to-user basis, to facilitate the movement of relief cargo to the affected population.

- Support is being given to the Education, WASH, Shelter and Non Food Items (NFIs), Camp Management, Protection and Health sectors by providing storage space (managed by experienced logistics staff) and office spaces at the following locations:
  - **Pedernales**: Logistics Hub, with two Mobile Storage Units (MSU’s), for a total storage capacity of 560 m² and three prefab offices to facilitate the operations and eventually provide short-term working space to organisations.
  - **Manta**: Logistics Hub, with two MSUs, for a total storage capacity of 640 m² and two prefab offices to facilitate the operations and eventually provide some short-term working space to organisations. Upon request from the government, WFP has assigned one of the office spaces for their use, and will share the space in the remaining one with other users.
  - **Quito**: approximately 3,200 m² of available space at the ‘Centro Logistico de Asistencia Humanitaria’ (CELAH) located in Tumbaco, Quito – mainly to be used for incoming air shipments.

- The cargo stored at each of these three locations also relies on the support of the Logistics Sector cargo tracking and reporting tool. The tool allows dedicated staff to provide users with receipt, dispatch, and existing stock reports – greatly facilitating the management of their pipelines.

- In Portoviejo – Manabi Province, WFP provided support to the local government through the loan of a MSU (10 x 32 mt) for a 3-month duration, to meet their needs of additional storage space. This will complement support already provided to the government through the CELAH warehouse in Tumbaco.
Emergency Funds

- To date, approximately only 12 percent has been raised against the $72.7 million ask of the Flash Appeal to fund emergency response activities.
- Revision of the Flash Appeal is ongoing, in line with OCHA’s requirements for prioritization of support activities per each sector. In the area of logistics, lack of appropriate warehouse spaces near the affected areas continues to be a gap.
- Due to the lack of funding for the Logistics Sector SO, field mission to the affected areas is currently ongoing, to reassess the need for the envisioned services and the feasibility to continue service provision under a cost recovery model.

Access Constraints

Road Transport

- Road access has improved significantly with most roads open to traffic and alternative routes identified within the most affected areas.
- Based on latest reports from the Ministry of Public Works, as of 11 May 2016, the only roads declared closed are:
  - Bolivar Province: Chillanes – Bucay
  - Sucumbios Province: Lumbaquí – Julio Andrade
- An ‘Inter-City Road Distance and Time’ map is available at: http://www.logcluster.org/map/ecuador-inter-city-road-distances-map-9-may-2016

Air Transport

- As of 10 May, the status of airports are as follows:
  - Cuenca Province
    Aeropuerto Mariscal Lamar – OPERATIONAL
  - Esmeraldas Province
    Cml. Carlos Concha Torres – OPERATIONAL (24 hours)
  - Manabí Province
    Gral. Eloy Alfaro Manta – OPERATIONAL
  *TAME commercial flights and humanitarian support flight schedule schedule:
  Monday to Friday
  Quito – Manta 07h00/ Manta – Quito 08h50
  Quito – Manta 18h00/ Manta – Quito 19h50
  *AVIANCA comercial flight schedule:
  Quito – Manta 06h00/ Manta – Quito 07h30

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Quito – Manta 18h45/ Manta – Quito 20h15
Los Perales – San Vincente airstrip – OPERATIONAL

- Coaque and Jama airstrips – OPERATIONAL – now certified by ‘Dirección General de Aviación Civil del Ecuador (DGAC)
- All other airports in Ecuador are reported to be operational

**Sea Transport**
- Port of Manta, “Autoridad Portuaria de Manta” in the Manabi province is partially operational. Declared to be in a state of emergency. Technical evaluation is ongoing on infrastructure and required works.
  - International Berth No. 2 is receiving ships with humanitarian aid.
  - Marginal Berth is partially activated for local commercial cargo.
- The following ports are also reported to be operational:
  - Autoridad Portuaria de Esmeraldas in Esmeraldas Province
  - Autoridad Portuaria de Guayaquil in Guayas Province
  - Autoridad Portuaria de Puerto Bolivar in El Oro Province
- The most recent Alternative Routes and Access Constraints map can be found on the Logistics Cluster website at the following link:

**Customs Guidance and Information**
- The Government of Ecuador has published a comprehensive document titled “Guia de donaciones”, explaining the steps to be followed in order to bring humanitarian aid cargo into the country. The document is available at the following link on the Logistics Cluster website: [http://www.logcluster.org/document/guia-de-donaciones](http://www.logcluster.org/document/guia-de-donaciones)
- All international cargo must be channeled through ‘Mesa No. 10’ from the Center of Operations for Emergencies (ECU 911), regardless of the Ministry or sector for which it is intended. All goods sent must be labelled as “ENVIOS DE SOCORRO”.
- A detailed process flowchart for the receipt of humanitarian cargo in Ecuador is available at the following link: [http://www.logcluster.org/document/proceso-de-oferta-de-donaci%C3%B3n](http://www.logcluster.org/document/proceso-de-oferta-de-donaci%C3%B3n)
- Additional customs information for Ecuador is available at: [http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/1.3+Ecuador+Customs+Information](http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/1.3+Ecuador+Customs+Information)

**Coordination/Information Management/GIS**

**Coordination:**
- The Logistics Sector team holds weekly sectorial meetings at three strategic locations: Quito, Portoviejo, and Manta; providing a forum for coordination and information exchange between Government, NGOs, INGOs and UN agencies involved in the response.

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• WFP, as representative of the Logistic Sector for inter-sectorial meetings ensures representation on decision-making forums and aims at advocating for much needed funding through important coordination initiatives such as OCHA inter-sectorial meetings, flash appeals revisions, donors meetings, etc.

• To date, the WFP-led Logistics Sector has coordinated three airlifts, with a total of 113 mt of NFI’s on behalf of various humanitarian actors including: World Vision International (WVI), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), AECID, WFP, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Panama.

Information Management
• Through the dedicated webpage http://www.logcluster.org/sector/ecu16, the Logistics Sector provides support to all actors involved in the emergency response by serving as a repository of important information including: minutes for weekly coordination meetings, templates for service request, latest formats provided by the Government for clearance of incoming humanitarian shipments, and registration procedures for NGO’s not previously registered in Ecuador.

• Additionally, by facilitating the identification of available transportation options, the Logistics Sector shares information on local transporters, suppliers, etc., to assist organisations in their response to the emergency. Relevant contact lists are available at: http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/4.2+Ecuador+Contact+Lists

GIS
• GIS support for producing relevant maps is available to organisations upon request.

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks
• The most significant gap is the lack of warehouse space near affected areas. After several field missions in the past weeks and consultations with users both in Quito and in other field locations, this remains a significant constraint for humanitarian operations.

• Other gaps that are being addressed by the Logistic Sector group include: coordination between multiple humanitarian actors regarding access to limited warehouse space, changes in local procedures for registration of NGOs, appropriate processes for receipt and clearance of donations and up to date information on logistical gaps in-country.

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