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Logistics Working Group in Haiti
-- Logistics Cluster

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On 4 October 2016, Hurricane Matthew made landfall near Les Anglais (south-western Haiti) as a very intense Category 4 Hurricane. It then crossed the department of Grande Anse (south-western Haiti) provoking severe damage to road and ICT infrastructures, as well as housing and health facilities. Hurricane Matthew significantly impacted the country’s humanitarian situation, mainly affecting 2.1 million people in Haiti.

Although the Logistics Cluster was not activated, on 6 October 2016, the Global Logistics Cluster deployed a Logistics Response Team (LRT) to support the government-led Logistics Working Group in its relief efforts with logistics coordination, information management and facilitating access to common services.

The Logistics Working Group established coordination units with dedicated staff in Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes and Jéremie, supporting over 150 humanitarian actors on the ground. Coordination meetings were organised on a weekly basis in all three locations, in cooperation with the Directorate of Civil Protection (Direction de la Protection Civile - DPC). Information Management, including GIS support, was provided to support the humanitarian organisations with key logistics information. In addition, an International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP) basecamp, with hosting capacity of 35 people, was set up in Jéremie to offer essential support to the humanitarian community working in the area.
From the beginning of the operation, the Logistics Working Group held weekly or bi-weekly sectorial meetings in Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes and Jéremie, providing a forum for coordination and information exchange between the Government, NGOs, INGOs and UN agencies involved in the response. Together with DPC, the Logistics Working Group led 44 logistics coordination meetings.

The World Food Programme (WFP), as lead-agency of the Logistics Cluster and representative of the Logistics Working Group for inter-sectorial meetings, ensured key logistics issues were taken up in decision making fora, such as OCHA inter-sectorial meetings and advocated for logistics funding in the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

The emergency response has transitioned to preparedness activities as the operation was phasing out. The Global Logistics Cluster in close collaboration with DPC, is leading a multi-sectoral project to support the national government, strengthening local capacity and developing mapping and analysis tools.

The Logistics Working Group gathered, analysed and shared information on transportation options, available storage, actors involved in the response and their respective capacity assisting organisations in their humanitarian response.

Through a dedicated webpage on the Logistics Cluster website, the Logistics Working Group supported humanitarian actors involved in the emergency response. The page served as a repository of key logistics information including: minutes of coordination meetings, templates for service requests, situation updates and access constraints maps as well as key documents provided by the Government such as procedures for customs clearance for NGOs not previously registered in Haiti.

Information was also disseminated regularly through a dedicated mailing list.

Since the beginning of October until March 2017, 135 Information Management products were published on the Hurricane Matthew webpage which produced 9,271 page visits.
Following the request from the Global Logistics Cluster, the LET1 partners quickly mobilised to support the WFP-led Logistics Working Group.

Three airlifts were provided pro-bono by UPS at the initial stage of the emergency and free ocean freight offered by Maersk. In-kind donation included existing Maersk containers, including a refrigerated container which has been used to store vaccines, and ocean freight services for USD 125 thousand, thanks to which 31 containers with relief items were transported from Europe, USA, Dubai and Caribbean on behalf of 7 organisations. These services included customs clearance support.

In addition, warehouse space for interagency cargo in Port-au-Prince proved critical for the reception of international airfreight, avoiding congestions at the airport and allowing for cargo to be swiftly processed and loaded for forward delivery. Additional assets such as forklifts, loaned by Damco, and specialised operators, were dedicated to ensure proper support and correct functioning of the equipment.

155 MT air freight
2,000 m² storage space
640 MT shipping capacity
The Logistics Working Group coordinated access to air transport services that allowed humanitarians to access remote locations across the country, and particularly in the departments of Sud and Grande-Anse, where communities had been cut off by floods, landslides and damaged infrastructure.

The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), a common service managed and provided by WFP, supported the emergency response during the entire operation providing the necessary assets and resources for the air operations.

The Logistics Working Group coordinated the use of two WFP air assets (11 passengers / 1.5 mt cargo capacity) based in Les Cayes for responding organisations to transport cargo to hard-to-reach areas. A fixed-wings aircraft was also deployed for light cargo transport and passengers between Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes and Jéremie where every day, an average of 30 passengers were transported to support distribution and conduct assessments and other humanitarian activities.

From October 2016 to March 2017, 619 mt of cargo and 3,400 passengers were transported to 47 different locations on behalf of 55 organisations.
ROAD TRANSPORT

The Logistics Working Group coordinated humanitarian cargo dispatches to support interagency distribution in the affected areas. 22 off-road trucks with a total capacity of 175 mt, have been deployed by WFP during the entire operation and were positioned in Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes and Jéremie to support interagency distribution in the affected areas. From October 2016 to March 2017, 4,504 mt have been transported on behalf of 35 organisations.

IOM and Handicap International/Atlas Logistique also secured transport capacity in support of the response by offering these services to other organisations through the Logistics Working Group.

2,175 MT of cargo transported

8 locations

SEA TRANSPORT

At the sudden on-set of the emergency, the Logistics Working Group coordinated sea transport operations carried out by the Royal Netherlands Navy. Later, a regular sea transport service was established by WFP between Port-au-Prince and the coastal areas in Grande-Anse and Sud using landing crafts with a total capacity of 110 mt. Four voyages at full capacity were completed to Tiburon and Anse d'Hainault on behalf of WFP, Concern, IFRC, OXFAM and Fondefh.

To respond to the transport needs and to reach coastal areas not accessible by road, WFP chartered a larger barge with 500 mt capacity. The vessel completed five rotations to Anse D'Hainault and the Logistics Working Group facilitated the shipment and discharge of 1,760 mt of food and NFIs transported on behalf of WFP, ACTED and IFRC.

From October 2016 to March 2017, a total of 2,175 mt of relief items have been distributed to Corail, Abricot, Dame Marie, Anse d'Hainault, Les Irois, Tiburon, Les Anglais, and Chardonnières.

Handicap International/Atlas Logistique also integrated the service by offering sea transport to all organisations through traditional local boats of 40/50 mt capacity, made available in Les Cayes and Jérémie to transport cargo to coastal areas.

4,504 MT of cargo transported

35 organisations
In response to the need for adequate storage, temporary storage facilities and logistics hubs were set up in strategic locations on a free-to-user basis, to augment the available logistics capacity and facilitate the delivery of relief cargo to the affected population.

The Logistics Working Group coordinated access to common storage facilities in Port-au-Prince (up to 4,000 m²), Les Cayes (1,680 m²), and Jéremie (2,080 m²).

Cargo stored at each of these three locations also relied on the support of the logistics cargo tracking and reporting tool (RITA) allowing dedicated staff to provide users with receipt, dispatch, and existing stock reports, greatly facilitating the management of their pipelines.

Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have also been provided to organisations to support storage needs in key distribution areas. From October 2016 to March 2017, 2,765 mt of relief items were stored on behalf of 23 organisations.

**Total storage capacity**

- **4,000 m²**
  - Port-au-Prince
- **1,680 m²**
  - Les Cayes
- **2,080 m²**
  - Jéremie

7,760 m²