Situation Update

- The death toll from the recent earthquake and tsunami in Central Sulawesi now stands at 2,100, according to the latest press briefing from the National Disaster Management Agency, BNPB. A further 78,994 people have been displaced and 4,612 people have been severely injured, while 680 are still missing.

- Organisations are requested to submit the below documents to BNPB by e-mail (ksibnpb@gmail.com with eoc@ahacentre.org in cc) before mobilising their assets:
  - Cover letter
  - Donation certificate
  - Packing list
  - Invoice
  - Manifest

- A Logistics Working Group coordination meeting took place on Wednesday, 17 October. The meeting minutes can be found here.

- BNPB will continue to provide regular updates on the emergency response as well as emerging needs. Further information can be found here or by following the official BNPB spokesman’s Twitter account: https://twitter.com/Sutopo_PN

- The ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA) is providing regular situation updates which can be accessed here.

Logistics Infrastructure

TRANSPORT IN PALU

- To date, WFP has secured 28 trucks as free-to-user common transport to support the response of all partners. WFP is aiming to have a total of 40 trucks available by the end of the week. From 12 October to date, the trucks have conducted a total of 137 trips.

- WFP is liaising closely with the Government of Indonesia, the Indonesian National Armed Forces (TNI), BNPB, AHA and the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) regarding distribution mechanisms and structures to ensure coordination at all levels.
WFP is working with the Global Logistics Cluster to implement the Relief Items Tracking Application (RITA) in this response. A dedicated staff member has been deployed to Palu to support the Government of Indonesia, BNPB, AHA and the organisations present in the implementation phase of this service.

The RITA Service Request Form (SRF) is now available in Bahasa Indonesia and English. The two versions were shared with organisations along with the User Instructions Guide. Additional guidance will be offered by the team on the ground during the coming week.

Completed SRFs must be submitted via email to Hardy Gunawan (hardy.gunawan@wfp.org) and Wisdear Chong (wisdear.chong@wfp.org).

The Common Transport Services will cover loading and off-loading at WFP common warehouses, as well as off-loading at delivery points for last mile delivery. Loading and off-loading at partners’ warehouses is expected to be organised and covered by partners themselves.

AIRPORTS

Balikpapan Airport

The Balikpapan airbridge will be closed to receiving new items from 23 October, after which air assets will remain for a further two days to finalise moving remaining cargo to Palu. It is currently unclear what will happen with respect to further international cargo that is planned to be sent to Balikpapan after this date.

Related to this, there is also currently no clarity on whether tax waivers will be applicable after 26 October.

Palu Airport

The cargo congestion at Palu airport is gradually easing after the installation of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) in the airport perimeter, managed by ASEAN-ERAT in support of BNPB’s operations.

WFP, with the support of AHA, BNPB and TNI, is clearing the apron at the airport by moving cargo to the ASEAN-ERAT MSUs and BNPB’s warehouse. From 12 to 18 October, 108 trips were conducted in support of this task.
SEA PORTS AND FERRIES

- Pantoloan port is open for domestic and commercial shipments only; it is not open as a point of receipt for international humanitarian cargo.
- The portal cranes at Pantoloan port are damaged so vessels delivering cargo should be equipped with cranes in order to load/offload cargo.
- There is currently insufficient storage space for all delivered items due to damage to warehouses caused by the tsunami. As such, container storage is recommended.

STORAGE

- The two MSUs at Palu airport are currently operational, but full.
- The installation process of the ten MSUs belonging to PMI and WFP has started. Two MSUs have been erected in the centre of Palu so far.
- WFP is finalising the details of the contract with the seaport authority and operators to secure approximately 500 m² of the identified facility at the port to be used as common storage. The facility is expected to be operational at the beginning of next week.
- Partners will be able to access the storage facilities at no cost to user, by completing and submitting an SRF and ensuring their cargo adheres to regulations.

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