Democratic Republic of Congo

Operation Overview as of October 2016

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the most vulnerable communities live in very remote areas, which are often either completely isolated or have very limited connection to the rest of the country, due to the deterioration of the road network across the country. The Logistics Cluster has been active in the DRC since 2006, to ensure a coordinated logistics response to the crisis, in order to facilitate the access to these people, and to support timely and uninterrupted sharing of operationally relevant logistics information.

Logistics Coordination

- Through its five provincial hubs (Bukavu, Goma, Bunia, Kindu, Kalémie and Lumbumbashi), its coordination cell in Kinshasa, and its extended network across the country, the DRC Logistics Cluster supports more than 140 humanitarian actors to coordinate the logistics response to the crisis.
- In 2016, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated 43 coordination meetings, of which 6 in Kinshasa and 37 in the provincial hubs.
- Throughout the year, 148 organisations have regularly attended coordination meetings. These include, among others, 52 National NGOs, 62 International NGOs, 12 UN Agencies and 17 government entities.
  - In 2016, logistics coordination has facilitated the rehabilitation of more than **560 km of roads**, and **50 bridges**, supporting the delivery of relief items to beneficiaries in remote areas countrywide.

Information Management/Knowledge Management (IM/KM) Project

- The Logistics Cluster has trained over 400 staff from 169 partner organizations (including INGOs, national NGOs and government authorities), in 9 provinces countrywide, on data collection through GPS devices and smartphones.
  - To further strengthen local capacities, the Logistics Cluster has adopted a “train the trainers” approach, whereby the staff initially trained by the Logistics Cluster has now taken the lead and is in charge of organizing further training sessions in the provinces.

Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

- In light of the threat of an imminent volcanic eruption in Goma, the Logistics Cluster works in close collaboration with the North Kivu Department of Civil Protection (DPC), regional government authorities, the Goma Volcanic Observatory (OVG) and the humanitarian community through the establishment of IT tools and systems to build the institutional capacity to respond to disasters, and to mitigate the possible effects on the population.

Access to Common Services

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the access to humanitarian air services, provided by the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) and by ECHO, for more than **29,000 passengers**, and **700 MT** of relief items.
- Additionally, access to transport services provided by the NGO Handicap International and WFP Service Provision has also been facilitated: in total, more than **2,840 MT** of cargo has been transported, of which 1,400 MT by Handicap International and 1,500 MT by WFP.

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