

Hurricane Irma – Global Teleconference Minutes

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Plan International, Save the Children, Shelterbox, THW, UNHRD, UNICEF, World Economic Forum,

World Vision

AGENDA: 1. Situation Update

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1. Situation Update

- Hurricane Irma, a Category 5 storm, is expected to pass just north of the Dominican Republic and Haiti in the next hours. Although several countries in the Caribbean will be potentially affected by the hurricane, the Logistics Cluster possible response is focusing on Haiti where expected wind, rains and landslides could cut off major parts of the north.
- In preparation of the potential humanitarian impact of Hurricane Irma, the Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) is liaising
 with its partners in order to map potential needs and logistics bottlenecks. The GLC is also deploying a Logistics Officer
 to the region to facilitate the process, should the government of an affected nation request support.
- A Logistics Cluster Officer will land in Panama on the night of 7 September 2017 to head to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 8 September. In case needs arise, a coordination meeting at field level will potentially be held in the afternoon of Saturday, 9 September at WFP Country Office in PAP. Organisations interested, to contact Faheem.Araie@wfp.org or hq_im_rome@wfp.org.
- An initial 'potential access constraint map', for information purposes, has been produced and published at this link.
- The Logistics Cluster is reaching out to a variety of partners to facilitate air cargo capacity in response to potential
 consequences of hurricane Irma. With the LET, the Logistics Cluster is looking into an option to move cargo on a freeto-user basis from Cologne to Santo Domingo or another destination in the Caribbean depending on needs.
 Organisations interested in this opportunity to contact the Logistics Cluster by Monday 11 September 2017, 16:00
 CEST.
- Cargo consolidation ex Dubai is not considered as an option at the moment however, organisations are invited to contact the Logistics Cluster in case different needs arise in this regard.
- There are no customs clearance facilitation information at the moment; some documents dating back to Hurricane Matthew are available on the Haiti country <u>page</u>.
- If there is a request, option of commercial flights are available from Panama (estimated cost is US\$ 2.5 per kilo).
 Organisations interested, to contact the Logistics Cluster/UNHRD.

Preparedness:

 Within the Logistics Cluster <u>preparedness</u> project and in consultation with Logistics Cluster partners, Haiti has been selected as one of six disaster-prone priority countries. The Logistics Cluster and WFP have been working together in



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Haiti in supporting local authorities to augment national logistics response capacities through trainings and simulation exercise in the past six months.

On this purpose and based on the network built with national authorities and partners in country, the Logistics Cluster
is gathering all relevant information in terms of logistics infrastructures and assets as well as road conditions in order
to map all data into the Preparedness Platform. Organisations are invited to share all critical information about Haiti
and other country possibly hit by Irma, with hq im rome@wfp.org.

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• Next teleconference will be held tomorrow, Friday 8 September at 14:00 CEST.

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