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# Meeting Minutes, 22 August 2019

Libya operation, Tunis



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Tunis/Tripoli
<b>DATE</b>	22 August 2019
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Sector
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), OCHA, Premiere Urgence Internationale (PUI), UNHAS, WFP
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners are encouraged to report access constraints to the access team colleagues or through the Logistics Sector.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Operational updates</li><li>2. Access Constraints and Logistics Bottlenecks</li><li>3. UNHAS updates</li><li>4. AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Operational updates

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- The security situation in Tripoli remains volatile, predominantly in southern parts of the city. Regular attacks around Mitiga airport have also temporarily impacted air operations.
- Displacements continue in southern Murzuq area, with 1,750 households displaced only in Wadi Atbah. So far, seven collective shelters have been established, hosting less than 400 internally displaced families. Humanitarian assistance has been provided since the beginning of the crisis, with no major logistics constraints reported, but insecurity has impacted accessibility to some areas. The situation in Murzuq city is reportedly calmer in the last days, and access negotiations to allow safe humanitarian passage are ongoing.
- In Benghazi, security measures have increased following the recent attack. Humanitarian operations continue, with most activities relying on national implementing partners. Lack of sustainable fuel supply has reportedly posed occasional challenges.

## 2. Access constraints

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- According to the latest available information, roads leading to Ayn Zara, Khala, Swani, Wadi Rabiya'a and Airport road continue to be closed, while no access constraints are reported on the routes along the western coastal road to Tunisia and east towards Misrata. An updated access map is being compiled by the Access Team and will be circulated to the Logistics Sector mailing list.
- The majority of reported access constraints have been recorded in the western area, due to administrative issues, insecurity and hostilities. Organisations generally share a Note Verbale prior to the movement with the relative government authority informing about the details of cargo and purpose of the mission.
- No organisation has reported aid diversion over the past month.
- The OCHA access team is working to put together a common system to facilitate movements across the country, avoid blockages and minimise room for errors. The team is also working on a deconfliction mechanism that organisations can use on a voluntary basis, for premises, staff or cargo movements.
- Partners are encouraged to share information on access constraints with the access team, or through the Logistics Sector; an incident reporting template has been circulated. Organisations are also encouraged to share the most

used routes to reach various operational areas, for the team to analyse actors present and identify possible bottlenecks.

- Partners operating in Benghazi reported long delays in obtaining the necessary security clearance from authorities for international staff.

### 3. UNHAS updates

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- UNHAS schedule includes regular flights to: Tripoli/Mitiga airport on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday; Misrata on Monday; and, Benghazi on Tuesday and Thursday (schedule available [here](#)).
- Ad hoc flights to any other destination can be requested to UNHAS but need to be planned well in advance, to allow enough time to obtain necessary permits.
- In the last month two missions to the south have been cancelled by the requesting agencies due to the situation on the ground and will be rescheduled in September.
- No cargo is allowed on UNHAS flights as there is no handling capacity at either departing and receiving ends.
- There is funding available to run operations until end-September. A cost recovery mechanism will not be implemented at this stage. For all queries: [unhas.libya@wfp.org](mailto:unhas.libya@wfp.org).

### 4. AOB

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- The chair informed that area-based coordination groups, led by OCHA, have been activated for the west, east and south of the country. Partner organisations with field presence in these areas are encouraged to participate. The Logistics Sector is seeking partner organisations that are capable and willing to act as logistics focal points in these groups.
- The Emergency Telecommunication Sector (ETS) coordinator provided an update on the work being done to secure radio usage and coverage for humanitarian staff inside Libya. A meeting with the Ministry of Telecommunication has been scheduled to discuss licenses for humanitarian organisations.
- Participants were informed that while it is difficult to import Thuraya satellite phones into the country, organisations can usually source satellite phone on the local market. The ETS can share details of providers. It was noted that Thuraya phones can pose issues if used in Benghazi area.
- A radio room is operational in Benghazi with 24/7 coverage, using mobile phones, and has been used by UN agencies mostly for staff tracking. Partner organisations can approach the ETS for further information: [libya.ets@wfp.org](mailto:libya.ets@wfp.org).

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