LOCATION: St John’s, Antigua

DATE: 05 October 2017

CHAIR: WFP, Logistics Sector lead

PARTICIPANTS: DIFID, ETC, Shelter Box, UNICEF.

ACTION POINTS: 
• Organisations to share packing lists for humanitarian supplies being shipped to Dominica for a better tracking of the commodities, and to have a focal point on the ground to facilitate the receipt at the port and further dispatches.

AGENDA: 
1. Operational updates and humanitarian response
2. Logistics gaps
3. AOB

1. Operational Updates and Humanitarian Response

• A Logistics Sector working group has been launched in Dominica, led by WFP logistics team, and will hold regular meetings to facilitate the coordination with humanitarian actors in Roseau and enhance the response.

• UNICEF and Shelter Box requested support for the consolidation of cargo arriving in the next days to Antigua and to be further transported to Dominica. Other organisations are working to finalize their pipelines and make use of the sea transport option being arranged for 9 October.

• On ETC and connectivity, it was reported that the Health Center in Wesley has been connected to the ETC network, where services for communities (S4C) are also provided. Works are ongoing to provide fibre connection in the capital and better serve the number of users.

• WFP IT conducted a drone mapping exercise and covered 7 locations in Dominica (Castle Bruce, Marigot, Wesley, Woodford Hills, Calibishie, Roseau Center, Roseau Louisville). Maps can be found on OpenAerialMap.

• For Barbuda, a technical solution was discussed with NetHope and Cisco tack ops to support connectivity for Samaritan Purse operations. Both parties will take care of the roll out of the services. Equipment is being made ready for deployment and technicians are being alerted.
• In collaboration with authorities, WFP plans to install the Mobile Storage Unit to make available 240m² of storage capacity. A team has been deployed and works are expected to be completed by 7 October.

2. Logistics Gaps

• A revised Dominica Access Constraints map has been published and is available here: http://www.logcluster.org/map/dominica-access-constraints-map-3-october-2017.

• Congestion at the entry points in Dominica, mainly port, is still reported, due to limited resources available and lack of coordination with private donations.

• Organisations were encouraged to promptly share packing lists for humanitarian supplies being shipped to Dominica for a better tracking of the commodities, and to have a focal point on the ground to facilitate the receipt at the port and further dispatches.

• The cargo tracking matrix is still a valid tool and it also helps reporting and visibility: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rwb9c4CFA_PTYqB7l4WDQ2IfJV3flqoMBsFzl3Hyal/edit#gid=1299023493.

3. AOB

• Logistics Sector updates, meeting minutes, maps, and contact information and are available online at: http://www.logcluster.org/sector/irma17.

• Since a number of humanitarian organisations have now relocated permanent staff to Dominica, participants discussed about the schedule for the coordination cell in Antigua. It was suggested to keep biweekly meetings to facilitate the consolidation of humanitarian cargo arriving to St John’s.

The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is planned for Tuesday 10 October at 11:00 in St John’s.

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