

**LOCATION: BARBADOS****DATE: 28 SEPTEMBER 2017****1. Logistics Operational Updates****Antigua & Barbuda**

- Debris clearing operations and maintenance work to re-establish water supplies are underway in Barbuda. Lack of generators continues to be an issue. Barbuda's airfield is operational, however some repair works are still needed especially with regards to the airfield fencing.
- The daily ferry service from Antigua to Barbuda has resumed. Organisations interested in utilising this service to transport cargo need to notify the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS). Additional clearances are required for overnight movement.
- Humanitarian actors need to communicate directly with the NODS to clear receipts and dispatches for the storage facility at Antigua's St John's airport.

**Dominica**

- Disruption to power supplies, lack of fuel and road access constraints, especially in the south of the island, are severely hampering emergency relief efforts to reach hurricane-affected people.
- The Logistics Sector in Antigua has been facilitating the consolidation of humanitarian organisations' relief items and logistical equipment from Antigua to Dominica on board the HNLMS Pelikaan, a logistic support vessel of the Royal Netherlands Navy.
- On 24 September the Pelikaan transported two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) – 10 x 24 m - and food and non-food items, including relief supplies donated by the Government of Antigua, to Dominica. The MSUs will be erected in Roseau, on the island's west coast, to increase storage capacity at the city's airport and port.
- On 26 September the Pelikaan transported additional cargo consolidated in Antigua and a third MSU (32 x 10 m). This will be set up at Douglas-Charles Airport (DOM) to serve the Northeastern coast of Dominica.
- For further information on future cargo movement on board the Pelikaan between Antigua and Dominica, organisations can contact the logistical focal points based in Antigua (contact details below)
- Canadian, Dutch, French, UK and USA military assets operating in the area are progressively scaling down operations. Request for Assistance for the use of military assets can be still sent to

[HurricaneResponseRFA@gmail.com](mailto:HurricaneResponseRFA@gmail.com) however, due to the reduced availability of military assets, humanitarian organisations are encouraged to use alternative transport options to fulfil their operational requirements.

- A Dominica Access Constraints Map (25 September 2017) can be found here:  
[www.logcluster.org/map/dominica-access-constraints-map-25-september-2017](http://www.logcluster.org/map/dominica-access-constraints-map-25-september-2017)

#### **Turks and Caicos Islands / St Marteen**

- The MSUs set up in Turks and Caicos Islands, packed in view of the passage of Hurricane Maria, did not sustain any damage and have been re-erected. Both units are now functioning.
- A logistics planning meeting was held to discuss methods of tracking pipeline, in-stock and distributed items. The Logistics Sector has adjusted the tracking forms used for the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDMEA) for local usage and a basic Excel supply chain tracking sheet adapted for Turks and Caicos has been handed over to the Government, the Department of Disaster Management and Emergencies (DDME), DfID and the UK Military.
- In light of the scaling down of international humanitarian operations, the logistics hub in Turks and Caicos and logistics support to St Marteen have now been phased-out and logistics teams sent back to base, or re-deployed to other hurricane-affected countries.

#### **Barbados (regional hub)**

- Customs/import guidelines and guidelines on Unsolicited Bilateral Donations have been drafted and submitted to CDEMA for further development and potential roll out to CDEMA's participating countries affected by the hurricanes.
- Concept Note and Request for Assistance for the use of military assets, and the online cargo tracking matrix have been developed and handed over to CDEMA and plans are underway to train CDEMA focal point in the use and maintenance of these tools and procedures.

## **2. Coordination**

#### **Antigua and Barbuda**

- A Logistics Sector Working Group has been established in Antigua to coordinate the logistics response and address gaps and bottlenecks. More than 10 organisations including NGOs, UN Agencies and donor countries are attending bi-weekly meetings, and report on activities, share updates and seek guidance on cargo consolidation and transport. The schedule for upcoming meetings can be found here: [www.logcluster.org/sector/irma2017](http://www.logcluster.org/sector/irma2017)

**Dominica**

- Relief efforts are being coordinated through Community Disaster Committees or Village Councils with functioning disaster committees.
- A Logistics Coordinator, a Civil-Military Coordination Officer and two MSU specialists are on site, to support the Government-led response with logistics coordination, facilitation of the use of military assets and the transferring of technical capacities to government counterparts in the construction and maintenance of the MSUs.

**Barbados (regional hub)**

- The regional logistics coordination cell based in Barbados continues its liaison with different humanitarian actors onsite, including NGOs, donor countries, foreign military focal points and UN agencies, to monitor and consolidate cargo movement into Hurricanes Irma/Maria-affected countries.
- Daily coordination meetings with UNHCT and CDEMA are being held and discussions with CDEMA, OCHA and UN agencies are underway to strengthen sectorial coordination for the response in Dominica.

**3. UNHAS Air Service**

- Regular flights with UNHAS Cessna Caravan C208B between Antigua and Dominica have commenced. UNHAS can also service Anguilla, British Virgin Islands and Sint Marteen. Based on requests, these routes can be adjusted and other locations could be covered by the service.
- The Caravan is primarily used for the transportation of humanitarian responders and some light cargo. As of 27 September, UNHAS has also mobilised and made available free-to-user helicopter lift capacity of 1.5 mt that will be used to support assessments and distribution activities to hard-to-reach locations.
- Revised Service User Guide and Booking Forms for UNHAS air assets, have been circulated via distribution list and are available for download here: <http://www.logcluster.org/sector/irma17>
- A flight schedule (subject to change) is also available here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6v2lk6p>
- For urgent dispatch of cargo, UNHAS focal point informed of the possibility of mobilising a cargo plane; interested organisations would need to raise needs with details on volume and final destinations as soon as possible. Information can be shared with WFP Logistics Officer Bianca Hucmazza at [bianca.hucmazza@wfp.org](mailto:bianca.hucmazza@wfp.org)
- Queries and information on UNHAS services should be emailed to [unhas.caribbean@wfp.org](mailto:unhas.caribbean@wfp.org)



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### Situation Update

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