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1. Logistics Operational Updates

Dominica

- Nearly one month after Hurricane Maria affected Dominica, humanitarian assistance continues to be required to meet basic needs across the country. According to the Government, 100 per cent of communities have received some sort of relief assistance to date; however, efforts are ongoing to scale up food distributions and re-establish water and electricity, alongside health centres, especially in peri-urban and rural areas.
- Debris and waste management is reportedly coming to a critical point, also hindering access across the different parts of the country.
- High demand and limited supply of trucks for delivery are constraining the delivery of assistance. Pipeline reports from humanitarian actors are required to inform and plan warehousing and offloading operations at the port, while support for repair and coordination is ongoing.
- So far, WFP, in coordination with the Government, has facilitated the dispatch of some 190 mt of food and non-food items, including through UNHAS air services which continues to support the transport of humanitarian personnel and light cargo to and from Dominica.
- Two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been installed at Roseau Port; WFP has so far provided some 800 m2 of storage capacity, run in collaboration with Government authorities, to provide free-to-user common storage for the humanitarian community.

Antigua & Barbuda

- WFP erected a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) in Barbuda and handed it over to local authorities, to provide critical storage augmentation capacity for relief and rehabilitation activities. The requests for storage will be channelled through the Nation Office for Disasters Service that will also facilitate stock reports.
- A commercial vessel departed Antigua port and reached Dominica on 12 October with humanitarian items from several organisations. A second sea transport opportunity with the same vessel is scheduled for 16 October.

2. Coordination

Dominica

- The Logistics Sector Coordination Hub set up in Roseau aims to help coordinate efforts, provide logistics support, and facilitate cargo consolidation and movement. As distribution plans are discussed in coordination with Government counterparts, teams on the ground are adjusting and finalizing pipelines of incoming relief commodities.

Antigua and Barbuda

- The Logistics Sector Working Group has been facilitating the logistics response and addressing gaps and bottlenecks to reach and operate in the different hurricane-affected countries. The last coordination meeting in St Johns was held on 12 October. The Dominica coordination hub will continue to cover operational needs and provide support to humanitarian organisations for a more coordinated and efficient response in Dominica.
- The schedule for upcoming meetings and all reference documents will be made available here: www.logcluster.org/sector/irma2017.

3. UNHAS Air Service

- UNHAS ensured transport movement for the UN Secretary General mission to Barbuda and Dominica, on 7 and 8 October, through the mobilisation of air assets and coordination with government authorities and counterparts.
- Regular UNHAS flights continue to be facilitated from Antigua to Dominica, as well as Anguilla and Sint Marteen, primarily for the transport of humanitarian responders and some light cargo. Dominica is currently served three times a week, sometimes with a double rotation per day.
- UNHAS has also made available free-to-user helicopter lift capacity of 1.5 mt, which is being 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>
- Queries and information on UNHAS services should be emailed to unhas.caribbean@wfp.org

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