Hurricanes Irma and Maria – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: St John’s, Antigua and Barbuda

DATE: 27 September 2017

CHAIR: WFP

PARTICIPANTS: Antigua and Barbuda Search and Rescue (ABSAR), Direct Relief, ETC, Shelter Box

ACTION POINTS: • Humanitarian organisations to inform the Logistics Sector of cargo to be transported to Dominica and other locations, and in need of cargo consolidation support.

AGENDA: 1. Situation update and humanitarian response
2. Logistics gaps
3. AOB

1. Situation Update and Humanitarian Response

Dominica

• The second round of emergency supplies loaded on board of the Dutch military vessel arrived in Dominica on 27 September and are being off-loaded. Stocks are being secured at the port for further distributions, as per Government plan. Dispatches are carried out by small boats and helicopter. A third trip from Antigua to Dominica will be made available on 29 September for those organisations in need to send commodities. WFP Logistics will provide support for cargo consolidation and liaison with relevant government and military counterparts.

• The consignee for supplies coming into Antigua remains the National Office for Disaster Services (NODS). For deliveries into Dominica, organisations would need to populate the cargo matrix tool that is shared with CDEMA and Government authorities: https://tinyurl.com/yaso24ml.

• A refuelling station has been set up in Roseau, near the Fort Young Hotel.

• The WFP Mobile Storage Units dispatched are to be erected at the port and the two airports.

• WFP mobilized a helicopter to assist with distribution activities to hard-to-reach locations. It will be based and operate from Canefield Airport and equipped with a sling to move up to 1.5 mt in each rotation. As it is refuelling in Guadeloupe, up to 10 mt could be dispatched on a daily basis.

• ETC Communication with community focal point informed participants that contacts with main radio broadcast have been established and support can be provided to elaborate and release key messages to the affected population on ongoing relief operations.

http://www.logcluster.org/sector/ngr16a
2. Logistics Gaps

- WFP received requests for support in moving cargo from the region into Dominica and other locations and has reached out to the humanitarian community to have additional details of cargo (type of commodities, volume) and timeline in order to mobilize all resources available and consolidate a dispatch plan.

- Direct Relief enquired about temperature-controlled storage facilities in Dominica; the Logistics Sector will explore options and revert. ABSAR reported that medical and WASH items could be quickly made available and mobilized for Dominica.

- Lack of electricity and fuel continue to be reported in Dominica. In Barbuda, a lack of generators continues to be reported. Actors are requesting support from local authorities.

- Connectivity at Melville hall not yet available but the ETC team on the ground expects installation to be completed by the end of the day. In the capital, internet has been expanded to the airport and the fire brigade building.

- UNHAS focal point confirmed that no requests of flights to Barbuda were received. A ferry boat service is reportedly available and a barge is functioning to move supplies from Antigua.

3. AOB

- Main updates, reference documents and contact information are available online here: http://www.logcluster.org/sector/irma17.

- The Logistics Sector is coordinating with local actors to identify a more suitable location for the coordination meetings.

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