LOCATION: St John’s, Antigua and Barbuda
DATE: 2 October 2017
CHAIR: WFP, Logistics Sector lead
PARTICIPANTS: Catholic Relief Service (CRS), DIFID, Direct Relief, ETC, Ground Truth Solutions, Shelter Box, UNICEF.

ACTION POINTS: The Chair reminded participants to share information of their pipeline to look into further options for cargo consolidation and transport, since availability of military assets may be discontinued.

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

1. Operational Updates and Humanitarian Response

Dominica

- A third consignment of emergency supplies was loaded in Antigua between 30 September and 1 October on board of the Dutch military vessel that arrived in Dominica in the morning of 2 October, with cargo from several organisations, including Samaritan Purse, DFID, Unicef, IMC and WFP.

- With WFP logistics support, the arrivals are offloaded and secured at Roseau port before further dispatch, according to Government plans. Organisations are also encouraged to receive the respective commodities to facilitate the release.

- The Government of Dominica just issued a Strategy for Distribution guidelines which outlines main needs along with coordination structure and priorities for the incoming relief supplies. The plan also foresees the establishment of regional government warehouses to serve the different areas of the country.

- Electricity seems to have been restored at the main hospital and security situation has begun to stabilize.

- ETC reported that in Dominica 650 users currently rely on the connectivity services provided, and over 1,000 devices have been registered. Due to the large demand, ETC is working on upgrading the bandwidth and connecting additional locations. In nine locations so far internet has been

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installed and the team is currently linking four others. Connectivity for community is also being looked at as one of the priorities, in support of the affected population.

Barbuda

- WFP dispatched a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) to Barbuda, as requested by local authorities, which will be erected next to the Community Center to provide critical storage augmentation capacity.
- In Barbuda, works continue to meet the requests for internet connectivity and explore options with partners, including Digicel, in order to establish standard procedures for communication with the displaced communities and support services provision.

2. Logistics Gaps

- The Chair reminded participants to share information of their pipeline to look into further options for cargo consolidation and transport, since availability of military assets may be discontinued. Samaritan Purse, UNICEF, Shelter Box, CRS and Direct Relief require support for transporting humanitarian supplies to Dominica and other affected countries (British Virgin Islands, Anguilla, Barbuda). The Logistics Sector will liaise with Antigua port authorities to explore commercial vessels capacity.
- A coordination platform was launched at regional level in Panama to understand the needs and gaps of the logistics response across the region.
- Storage at the current Antigua logistics hub doesn’t represent a bottleneck and all deliveries are coordinated through the National Office for Disaster Services (NODS).
- Access constraints continue to be reported in Dominica, slowing the capacity of humanitarian actors to reach all affected locations: Marigot to the airport and to the Kalinago areas. Military support has been mobilised to reach southern areas.

3. AOB

- UNHAS flights continue to operate regularly from Antigua to cover several locations. Main destination is currently Dominica. An additional air asset has been mobilised in Dominica to fly between Roseau and Melville and to hard-to-reach locations. Booking forms and requests can be addressed to: unhas.caribbean@wfp.org.
DFID reported that the air service available is currently serving mostly DFID staff movement requests and may be discontinued within a week. Contact details of focal point: ot1-coordinator@dfid.gov.uk.

OCHA produced and shared the links below:

- Contact List: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vcucPQrFhkSk-23eniyJfpfPoSS9yBBEXEvdkfe_8/edit#gid=0
- Dominica 3Ws: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JCuUpFM5kowYhNlqij___Y-0A9WcVr_FavOFIRsaFg/edit#gid=0
- Reference documents: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GxXMT-r9z71GP1p7J_cIT4exkoJQotpF1-wWvXfIKY/edit

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

The next Logistics Sector coordination meeting is planned for Thursday 5 October at 11:00 in St John’s.

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