Hurricane Matthew

Logistics Working Group - Situation Update
22 November 2016

LOCATION: Port au Prince, Haiti

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Situation Overview

- Hurricane Matthew made landfall near Les Anglais (south-western Haiti) on 4 October at 11:00 UTC, as a very intense Category 4 Hurricane. It then crossed the department of Grande Anse (south-western Haiti) provoking severe damage to road and ICT infrastructures, as well as housing and health facilities.
- Access to the affected areas, especially mountainous areas of Grande Anse, still represents a significant constraint due to blocked roads and damaged infrastructure.

Coordination & Information Management

- WFP co-leads the Logistics Working Group with the Directorate for Civil Protection (DPC); the Logistics Working Group established cells with dedicated staff in Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes, and Jéremie, where Coordination and Information Management services as well as facilitation of access to common services are provided to support the humanitarian actors on the field.

Storage

- Interagency storage is available in the three logistics hubs of Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes, and Jéremie.
- Warehouse capacity in Port au Prince 4,000 m². The Agility warehouse space donation (2,000 m²) will expire on 12 December and organisations should inform the Logistics Working Group on their storage needs to evaluate the potential extension of this space.
- On 11 November a new Mobile Storage Unit was set up in Les Cayes. Interagency storage capacity has now increased to 1,680 m².
- The logistics hub in Jéremie has become operational on 6 November. The base offers interagency storage space of 2,080 m²/8,320 m³.
- A 240 m² mobile storage unit, managed by ACTED, is available to organisations needing temporary storage to cover distribution needs in Anse d’Hainault.
- MSUs can be provided to organisations to support storage needs in specific working area.

Transport

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Air Transport

- Two helicopters are currently available serving as follows:
  - Port-au-Prince to Grande-Anse and Sud (11 pax - 1.5 mt cargo)
  - Les Cayes to surrounding affected areas (11 pax - 1.5 mt cargo sling capacity)
- Due to the current transport needs towards the hard-to-reach communities, WFP is planning to task the passenger service helicopter for cargo in Les Cayes, and to deploy a third fixed-wing aircraft for passengers and light cargo transport between Port au Prince, Les Cayes and Jéremie.

Road Transport

- The off-road truck fleet deployed in Les Cayes and Jéremie has been augmented. Seventeen off-road trucks are positioned in Les Cayes and Jéremie to support interagency distribution in the affected areas.
- Handicap International/Atlas Logistique has also secured transport capacity through local transporters in support of the response and are offering these services to other organisations through the Logistics Working Group.
- Organisations are invited to participate to MINUSTAH convoys to reduce security risks especially during the election period, when the support to humanitarian operations will be reduced.

Sea Transport

- Regular coastal sea transport is available through the Logistics Working Group with two small coastal vessels. Four voyages have already been completed.
- On 21 November the new WFP-chartered vessel arrived in country and berthed at Port-au-Prince. The first rotation is foreseen for Anse d’Hainault with cargo on behalf of WFP, ACTED and IFRC.

Schedules of the next Logistics Working Group meetings in Jéremie, Les Cayes and Port-au-Prince are available on the dedicated webpage: http://www.logcluster.org/sector/hurrimat16

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