Hurricane Matthew
Logistics Working Group Coordination Meeting
Les Cayes, Haiti

LOCATION: Les Cayes – COUD / MINUSTAH Base
DATE: 9 October 2016
CHAIR: DPC / WFP Logistics

ACTION POINTS:
- Organisations to send feedback on the road conditions and the regional operational needs.
- WFP to inform on costal shipping availability and helicopter operations (ex. Les Cayes)
- All request for support are to be sent to: Haiti.clustercargo@wfp.org

AGENDA:
1. Introduction
2. Logistics Operational Update
3. Logistics Coordination
4. Logistics Services
5. GIS/Mapping

1. Introduction

- Following Hurricane Matthew, the National Logistics Working Group decided to establish two advanced regional common hubs in Les Cayes and Jeremie to support the local response in terms of logistics and coordination in order to allow a regular flow of supplies.

- Regional Logistics sector leadership sits with the Directorate for Civil Protection (DPC), WFP will support the local authorities in order to provide logistics coordination and information management support, as well as facilitating the handling of the incoming cargo.

- The Logistics Working Group Focal Point can be contacted at the following email address: jean-renand.valiere@undp.org [48 95 29 46]

- Logistics information and operational updates and procedures will be posted on the following webpage: http://www.logcluster.org/sector/hurrimat16.

2. Logistics Operational Update

- Les Cayes Airport is open, and road from Port au Prince as well.

- The river crossing at Petit-Gôave is reported as an issue due to the bridge destruction, but heavy vehicles are passing.

Access
- Coastal communities on the southern coast remain isolated, especially after Port-à-Piment.

- Communication is still difficult, the phone network is not working properly in the department.

- Security incidents have been reported in different location.

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Should the need for security escorts arise, organisations should organise coordinated convoys and request MINUSTAH JOC support through OCHA Civ-Mil coordination: cam.buter@mindef.nl submitting a complete form available at the following link: www.logcluster.org/document/joc-escort-and-security-support-request-form

Road conditions

- Light to medium vehicles can now pass in Petit-Gôave.
- The road to Jérémie from Les Cayes is open.
- The coastal road is accessible only up to Port-à-Piment.
- Different NGOs reported that repairing works are being performed. MINUSTAH BraBatt recce mission is assessing the type of works needed in order to deploy necessary equipment.

3. Logistics Coordination

- The Logistics Working Group has established a permanent presence in Les Cayes and will be sharing information on road, infrastructure and accessibility.
- The Logistics Working Group will provide civil-military logistics coordination, also serving as a centralised entry point for the use of military assets for relief activities at South Department level. Three main entities are present in the region: the Police Nationale d’Haïti (PNH) intervening with UN Police and MINUSTHA Military component.
- New rules demand to inform PNH of every request for escort. A PNH representative sits at the Centre d’Opérations d’Urgence Départemental (COUD) to facilitate this process.
- The overall goal is to channel requests to establish systems for the most efficient use of military resources.
- All address for security, logistics and engineering support are to be addressed through the official channels at minustah-joc@un.org however, detailed regional plans can be discussed with Captain Freire, the Civil Military Coordination Officer at South Department COUD [37028992] arfreire2007@hotmail.com
- The DPC and the Logistics Working Group encourage an integrated approach for common planning, such as consolidated requests for integrated/inter-sectorial approaches to communities in order to make the most of the limited assets available. OCHA will share and update the 3W report to allow organisations to share plans and needs and to avoid gaps and duplications as well.
- The DPC also suggested to intervene on a consequential approach, community by community, in order to avoid issues with the communities that are being crossed by cargo with relief supplies and that are not being supported.

4. Logistics Services

- Free Storage capacity in Les Cayes is being established in order to absorb the volume of cargo expected to come from Port-au-Price and serve as a temporary storage and consolidation base.
- Five off-road capable trucks are pre-positioned in Les Cayes to provide free transport services to the final remote destinations.
- The Logistics Working Group is assessing the feasibility of setting up a coastal shipping service as well.
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- Limited transport capacity from Port-au-Prince to Les Cayes may also be available if needed.
- Organisations are to share their operational needs in order to better plan the transport and storage capacity.
- All requests for support should be addressed to: Haiti.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- MSUs can be provided for advanced logistics bases if organisations’ needs are consistent and can manage the common storage on behalf of the humanitarian community department.

**Passenger air transport**
- WFP helicopter can assure transport to destinations that are unreachable by road.
- MAF is also present in country with three fixed wing aircrafts; recent destinations include Les Cayes, Jérémie and Fond de Bal.

5. AOB

- All Logistics Working Group participants are asked to share road conditions information in order to update the access constraints maps and allow for better coordinated planning.

Next meeting will be held at COUD at MINUSTAH base on Wednesday 12 October at 14:00

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