
Morocco and Libya Global Coordination Call

14 September 2023

Global Logistics Cluster, Online



LOCATION	Rome, Italy (online)
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CHAIR	Global Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Airlink, Americares, CESVI, DHL Group, DG ECHO, Handicap International (HI), Human Appeal, Humedica International Aid, ICRC, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Morocco, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), MedAir, UNICEF, UNFPA Polish Humanitarian Action (PHA), Shelter Box, Bundesanstalt Technisches Hilfswerk (THW), UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), USAID/BHA, World Food Programme (WFP)
AGENDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morocco Earthquake• Libya Flooding
ACTION POINTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Partners to continue sharing information relevant for supply chain response planning.2. Global Logistics Cluster to schedule a follow-up global call on Monday, 18 September 2023.

1. Morocco Earthquake

Situation Updates

- The overall number of people affected remains at 381,000, and deaths reached over 2,800 (Moroccan Ministry of Interior, 12 September 2023). Most of the casualties occurred in Al Haouz (the epicentre), and Taroudant provinces.
- Current needs include WASH, shelter, health, and food assistance in addition to rescue and rubble removal equipment's, medical kits, and kitchen sets.
- The Government of Morocco has not yet issued request for international assistance (other than accepting bilateral assistance from specific Governments). Local NGOs and civil society solidarity movements are the main partners.

Logistics Updates

- Restricted access to earthquake affected areas. Partners have reported that the access to mountains access is difficult. The Government is leading ongoing efforts for road clearance and locations which were initially not accessible by car/trucks before the earthquake are the ones remaining difficult to access. Alternative solutions, including the use of mules, quad bikes and light all-terrain vehicles are <https://logcluster.org/countries/LBY>
<https://logcluster.org/countries/MAR>

used by local NGOs. Partners are encouraged to share access constraints updates with the Global Logistics Cluster Support Team that will be reflected in the [LogIE interactive map for Morocco](#).

- Mohamed V Foundation, a national Moroccan association recognised as a public organisation, has set up a system for collecting aid for victims by establishing three warehouses in Marrakech and Taroudant.
- All international airports and ports are functional and in operation. A [Logistics Capacity Assessment \(LCA\)](#) has been published on the Logistics Cluster website.
- A first update from the IMPACCT Working Group on “Importation and Customs” is available on the Logistics Cluster website: [Importation and Customs Processes, IMPACCT WG, bulletin 1, 13 September 2023](#)
- For more updates, alerts and logistics related information, partners can visit the [dedicated Morocco Logistics Cluster Webpage](#).

Partners Updates

- **Air Link** is inviting partners to attend a coordination call today, Thursday 14 September. Airlink is able to support personnel movement and cargo operations for organizations that have coordinated with government authorities and/or local partners.
- **Americares** is interested in health needs to understand if medical supplies are needed although no intention to deploy.
- **DHL** can provide support with customs clearance and storage in Casablanca.
- **ECHO** offered airlift support through the Humanitarian Logistics Cooperative (HULO) and the UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD). ECHO has available stocks - winterised tents & kit - in UNHRD, offering to the community if registered organisations have authorization to deliver in country. A logistics coordinator is in country.
- **Human Appeal** has a local partner already established and now operational to support with shelter and non-food items.
- **International Medical Corps (IMC)** has a team in country. Sebastian Cazenave is the contact point.
- **Malteser International** is supporting the Order of Malta Embassy response in collaboration with local organisations (focus on shelter).
- **Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH)** has emergency team on ground in Marrakech. Local partners started first distribution of NFI kits today.
- Several organisations are starting to deploy teams on the ground, including the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC); ShelterBox; Solidarites International deployed in Marrakech with focus on WASH.

- Several organisations discussed technical assessments. Partners are requested to share any acquired information in order to consolidate on the Logistics Cluster website, LogIE to make this information available to the community.

2. Libya Flooding

Situation Updates

- On 10 September 2023, storm Daniel made landfall causing sudden heavy rainfall affecting several north-eastern areas.
- Affected areas: Benghazi, Tobruk, Toukra, Talmeitha, Almarj, Taknes , Al Owailia, Bayada, Albayda, Shahhat, Sousa and Derna.
- In the city of Derna, two dams collapsed causing severe flooding, 20% of the city was destroyed.
- Over 5,000 dead and up to 10,000 missing, according to Libya Red Crescent.
- UAE, Egypt, France, Jordan, Qatar and Turkey have sent humanitarian aid.

Logistics Updates

- The main access constraint is blocked roads leading to the affected areas, especially around Derna.
- Disruption in electricity, internet, and communication are registered.
- Benghazi and Al Abraq international airports are operational. Logistics Cluster is planning to evaluate Al Abraq international airport as a potential dispatch point.
- For information related to the logistics infrastructure in Libya, please access [Logistics Capacity Assessment \(LCA\)](#).
- To see the most recently posted situation updates, please visit the Logistics Cluster [dedicated webpage](#).
- To see updated map of physical access constraints, please visit the [Libya LogIE page](#).

Partners Updates

- Multiple organisations have sent staff to begin assessments, with a focus on Derna and Shahat.
- Some partners have already begun to send supplies, including IOM who already had items prepositioned and UNICEF who has a chartered flight scheduled for medical supplies. Several partners noted they were planning to use local procurement in conjunction with sending international supplies from hubs abroad (notably for medical supplies). One organisation discussed their plans for storage with an interest in establishing warehouse capacity in Benghazi.

- **WFP** shared that the coastal route from Benghazi to Derna is damaged, but there is an alternate route through the mountains that takes 4-6 hours to complete. They have already sent some food assistance to Derna via this route. WFP also shared information from the Ports and Maritime Transport Authority announcing the possibility of relief ships to enter the port Derna, but the ship draft must not exceed 6.5 meters when they enter the port basin.
- **UNHCR** discussed that, in their operations in country, they always go through customs in either Tripoli or Benghazi and have identified some possible bottlenecks for entry through the Egypt border. They stated that customs should be factored into supply time.
- Some organisations are working to establish or already have established services/assistance that could potentially support other humanitarian actors.
 - **Airlink** is able to support cargo operations into Cairo (CAI) with last mile capacity for cross-border movement into Libya. They are also able to support personnel flights into Cairo (CAI), Benina (BEN), and Mitigate (MJI); final destinations in the region will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and will be dependent on the closure of major roads.
 - **ECHO** stated that EU Civil protection has been activated and subsequent assistance is incoming. ERCC did assessments on two airports. They plan to use Tobruk, which was identified as more suitable for commercial planes. Al Abraq, which is less suitable due to infrastructure, will be used for military type planes. They experienced challenges getting plane tickets to enter. ECHO offered to support an airbridge, if required, in coordination with HULO.
- Partners also discussed potential challenges with entering the country.
 - Visas are a possible challenge for many organisations. No information on a waiver has been released yet.
 - Partners voiced challenges with accommodation and visas for international staff, including staff in neighbouring countries not being able to enter. One partner suggested maritime capability could be useful.

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