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Background

On 10 September 2023, storm Daniel made landfall causing sudden heavy rainfall affecting several north-eastern areas of Libya. The affected areas were: 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. Most sources estimate the number of deaths ranges between 5,000 to 10,000 people. Several countries sent humanitarian aid such UAE, Egypt, France, Jordan, Italy, Spain, Qatar, and Türkiye.

At the onset of the emergency, the main access constraints were blocked roads leading to the affected areas, especially to Derna. The main coast road was largely destroyed and the alternative route from Benghazi to Derna takes around five to six hours. Due to road destruction, only the southern entrance to the city of Derna is open. But in the past few weeks, several roads were cleared and repaired by authorities. Also, reports states that the search and rescue teams are being demobilized from Derna. The disruptions persist in electricity, internet, and telecommunications. In addition, Benghazi and Al Abraq international airports are operational. The UN Flash Appeal was submitted on 14 September for $71.4 million required to assist 250,000 people for three months.

Following the crisis, on 19 September 2023, the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus (HDPN) Advisory Group endorsed a thematic pillar or Working Group approach, and the Logistics Logistic Working was officially activated as well.

During these last weeks, the Logistics Working Group was able to establish the following:

- Coordination mechanism in country to enable a coordinated response among partners (1-2 meetings per week);
- Proper information management tools to enable the timely dissemination of information among partners (LogIE, website).

Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks

Primary gaps and bottleneck identified by the partners community include:

- Lack of clarity on customs procedures, especially for the importing medical cargo;
- Lack on information on internal local authorities' clearance processes;
- Expected insufficient storage facilities in eastern Libya due to the significant influx of humanitarian aid.

Objectives

These Terms of Reference aims at outlining the Logistics Working Group activities in response to the ongoing crisis. The Logistics Working Group is co-coordinated by the World Food Programme (WFP) and International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and aims at providing coordination and information management services to contribute for an uninterrupted supply of relief goods. Also, IOM is closely collaborating with WFP in terms of information sharing, and relevant logistics updates to support the community of partners.

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The Logistics Working Group will continue to gather information about the situation, identifying gaps, needs, bottlenecks and working with partners to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the response.

Planned Activities

The following range of activities and services are not intended to replace the logistics capacities of individual agencies or organisations, but rather to fill identified gaps in the humanitarian supply chain and supplement the response of the humanitarian community through the facilitation of provision of common services, based on need.

The following services will be made available to the humanitarian community until **31 December 2023**, and might be updated depending on changes in context or as determined by the Logistics Cluster community.

1. Coordination

The following coordination services will be provided to facilitate an efficient and effective response, and to minimise duplication of efforts:

- A Logistics Working Group coordination structure will be maintained in Libya to coordinate efforts in collaboration;
- Regular coordination meetings will be held in Benghazi depending on needs and the security situation, and in other field locations as required and as possible to facilitate the exchange of information among actors;
- The Logistics Working Group will liaise with the authorities and relevant national and international actors on behalf of the humanitarian community to raise awareness around common logistics issues, and to advocate for solutions;
- The Logistics Working Group in collaboration with OCHA and the Access working group will liaise with the relevant authorities to raise awareness around humanitarian logistics issues and advocate for solutions.

2. Information Management

The information management role will be undertaken in the interests of promoting and facilitating the sharing of logistics information among all humanitarian organisations via:

- Collecting, Consolidating and sharing of logistics information related to ongoing activities, best practices, key infrastructure, customs procedures and available storage and transport capacity in relevant areas;
- Maintaining information sharing platforms such as a common mailing list and a dedicated Libya Operation webpage maintained on the Logistics Cluster website to disseminate relevant and up-to date logistics information to the humanitarian community: https://logcluster.org/countries/LBY
- Mapping and assessing logistics infrastructures (roads, airports, ports, border crossing points), to be circulated and made available on the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) portal: https://dlca.logcluster.org/libya
- Interactive mapping on physical access constraints LogIE Libya
- Mapping tools and products, including specific maps of the logistics infrastructure, can also be developed on request.

3. Facilitation of Access to Logistics Services

While the Logistics Working Group does not provide logistics services, where gaps and needs have been identified, the working group may facilitate access to the services offered by the humanitarian partners.

If services will be made available to the community, the list of services will be updated as soon as they became available.

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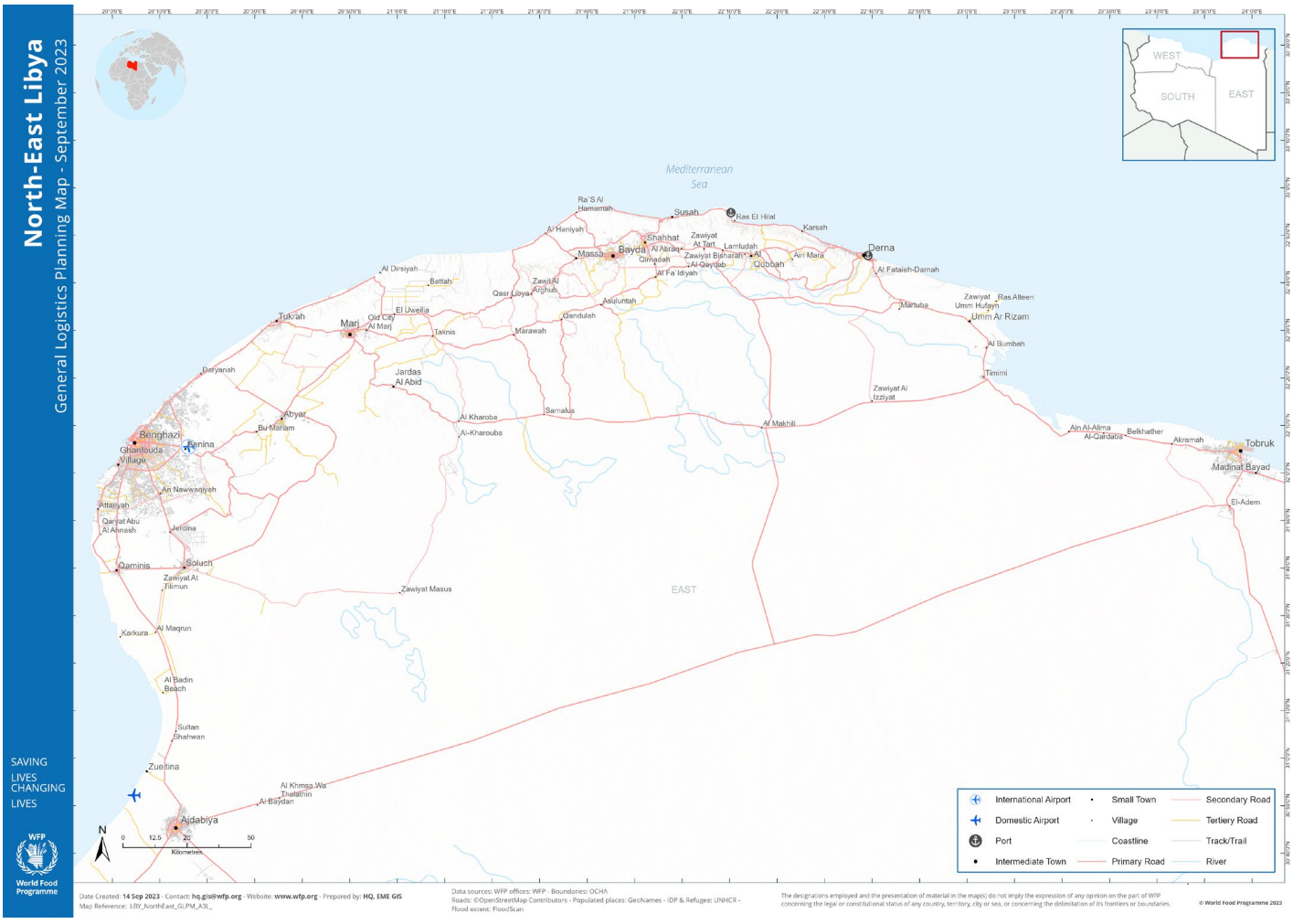
General Logistics Planning Map



Note: These Terms of Reference are a live document and the activities will be adapted and revised as the situation unfolds and further assessment results become available.