Libya Logistics Working Group

Libya – Coordination Meeting Minutes

5 October 2023

LOCATION	Benghazi, Libya (Online)
DATE	5 October 2023
CHAIR	Logistics Working Group with WFP
PARTICIPANTS	Airlink; Canadian Red Cross; CARE International; Danish Refugee Council (DRC); Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO); Global Logistics Cluster (GLC); International Committee of the Red Cross/Red Crescent (ICRC); International Organization for Migration (IOM); International Rescue Committee (IRC); Kuehne & Nagel Emergency Relief; Premiere Urgence Internationale (PUI); U.K.-Med; UNICEF; U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA); World Food Programme (WFP)
AGENDA	1. Situation Update 2. Logistics Update 3. Partner Updates 4. AOB
ACTION POINTS	• Partners are asked to share road status and physical access constraints with the Logistics Working Group to help update the LogIE tool. • Partners are asked to share information on logistics challenges they encounter in their operations with the Logistics Working Group.

1. Situation Update

- Libya response transitioning from emergency to early recovery.
- Central Bank of Libya issued circular requesting commercial banks relax procedures for humanitarian partners.
    - Limited knowledge at this point on how this will be implemented. Possibility of reduced bottlenecks and fewer transfers required.
    - Agencies can contact UNHCR as lead agency for the Cash Working Group for more information but will need to have estimates of their monthly cash flows to get relevant information.
    - Noted that some organisations have had challenges opening bank accounts in Libya prior to the circular.
- Search and rescue teams are slowly demobilizing.

- UNDAC team is demobilizing by the end of this week.
- Noted that conducting assessments, especially in Derna, continues to be a challenge.

2. Logistics Update

- The Logistics Working Group is participating in the Inter Working Group. Partners are asked to share challenges that they would like to have discussed in the Inter Working Group meetings.
- The Inter Working Group and Access Working Group have both transitioned to one meeting per week.
- The Logistics Working Group will now meet once per week on Mondays at 14:00 Benghazi time.
- LogIE is being updated with partner feedback as road conditions are reassessed. Partners are asked to share information on road conditions and passability as encountered or reported by implementing partners.
- There is no additional document that needs to be obtained to cross from Egypt at the moment, outside of the typical documents such as packing list, invoice, and certificate of origin. Eight WFP trucks were able to enter yesterday.
- IOM still has 1,500 sqm available to be shared with other organisations until 31 December 2023. No requests have been received at this point.
- WFP's assessment of cash assistance is in progress to evaluate the feasibility and capacity of financial service providers.

CHALLENGES

Challenges reported by responding humanitarian organisations include:

- Significant delay in the issuance of visas is still ongoing, some visas have been approved. Organisations can contact the Access Working Group for more information.
- Access to affected areas continues to be a challenge. Organisations needing to access these areas should submit a form for each activity area with the support of the Access Working Group; United Nations organisations submit through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international non-government organisations submit through Country Cooperations Strategy (CCS)-E.

4. Partner Updates

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Internet and Communications Technology (ICT) focal point asked if any partners had information on infrastructure in Derna. Further assessments will be conducted once they have a presence in country.

DOCUMENTATION

- DRC recommended that organisations have all documentation and approvals ready in order to operate smoothly in the affected areas. PUI noted some challenges in acquiring proper approvals can vary by location of request and entry point.
- PUI were interested to know if any other partners had requested and received security clearances in the last few days to access Benghazi from Tripoli or Tunis. Several organisations are still waiting for security clearances.
- No changes in importation, back to the regular, pre-flooding importation process.

SUPPLIERS/PROCUREMENT

- CARE asked for recommendations from other organisations on suppliers for standard non-food item kits.
    - It was recommended they coordinate with the teams present in the affected areas to determine their suppliers and which items they have already been distributing to avoid duplication.

5. AOB

- NSTR

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be held on 9 October 2023.

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