

HAITI, Port au Prince – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: DPC COUN, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

DATE: 13 October 2016

CHAIR: Logistics Working Group Coordinator/DPC

PARTICIPANTS: AECID, ASB, Concern Worldwide, CRS, DDC, DIFID, EUCPT, FAO, Food for the Poor, Haiti Communautaire, Handicap International/Atlas Logistique, J/PHRO, Hope for Haiti, Mercy Corps, IFRC, MedAir, MINUSTAH, MSF, NPH, OIH, PADF, Solidarite International, Saint Boniface Foundation, Royal Netherlands Navy, ShelterBox, Team Rubicon, USAID, Vision4Word, WorldVision

ACTION POINTS:

- Logistics Working Group to send minutes to the mailing list

AGENDA:

1. Overview
2. Custom
3. Storage
4. Transport
5. AOB

1. OVERVIEW

- DPC informed participants about their logistics operation; foreign aid directed at the Government of Haiti is being received in PaP by air and by land, through the Dominican Republic. DPC is organising convoys to the affected areas and security is provided by NPH and MINUSTAH. Organisations interested in joining these convoys, to contact DPC the day before.
- DPC representatives organise distribution at local level in the communes. Organisations are reminded to contact the DPC (through the focal points or through the mayors) and ensure they participate to the distribution. Failing to do so, may entail that organisations will be asked to stop activities.
- It is necessary to establish a close coordination at department among all stakeholders to make sure the aid is coordinated. The COUD is the first port of call. The Logistics Working Group has now an established presence in Les Cayes and Jérémie, with teams on the ground and assets at their disposal to support the response at field level.
- It is now necessary to set the next priorities, review access to areas that have not been reached at scale or at all. DPC confirmed that they sent aid to the department of North West, but that more is needed. Organisations having distribution plans for those areas should contact the Logistics Working Group.

2. CUSTOM

- Information on emergency custom procedure by the Directorate for Civil Protection (DPC) is available at the following link: www.logcluster.org/document/customs-procedure-according-dpc

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- Organisations were reminded that this emergency procedure does not apply for consignments that arrived in country before the emergency and have prior exemption status (franchise); however organisations can contact DPC which will consider each case individually.
- Organisations were reminded that indicating DPC as consignee when possible, will facilitate the custom procedures.
- Some participants stressed the importance of ensuring that custom officers are fully aware of the expedite procedure and all that it entails to avoid delays.
- It was confirmed that there is a “guichet d’urgence” at PaP airport.

3. STORAGE

- Responding to the need expressed by some organisations a 2,000 m² warehouse behind Port-au-Prince airport was secured and is available for organisations.
- The interagency logistics base in Les Cayes is already operating at full capacity. It is important to keep storage time to the minimum and ensure goods are distributed quickly to give access to other organisations.

4. TRANSPORT

Air Transport

- WFP will maintain the personnel and light cargo helicopter (9-seater, 0.7MT cargo) based in PaP. To access the service organisations need to complete two forms the [Passenger booking form](#) and the [Focal point assignment form](#) and send to the contact indicated in the form.
- WFP will also deploy one additional helicopter (Bell 212 4 Pax + 1.5 MT cargo) to be based in Les Cayes and serve the area. This asset will be available for booking next week.
- The assets provided by the US Department of Defence have completed many rotations to several affected areas. These helicopters will start retrograding in the next few days and will have to complete the requests already submitted. Organisations that have not submitted a request yet, may need to look into alternative transport solutions. The operations is scheduled to end on 19 October.
- The French Embassy is offering cargo space 300/400 kg for helicopter airlifts.
- MAF operates flights to Les Cayes, Jérémie and Dame Marie.

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- HERO Haitian Emergency Response Operations has set up a logistics base in Dame Marie with helicopter and fix wing capacity.
- DHL team left once the work at the airport phased out and contractors and ground handler were fully in charge of operations. The team may come back if needed, for example when US navy leaves at airport.
- Refuelling capacity should be available in Les Cayes in the next few days.

Road Transport

- Route National #2 remains one of the main road access issues. Vehicles are able to bypass the collapsed bridge on a dirt road, but the rain will make the passage more difficult. Improvements works are ongoing.
- The Logistics Working Group is not currently focusing on primary transport from PaP to Les Cayes and Jeremie as there are commercial options to serve that need and the priority on the delivery to the field. Nevertheless specific requests for support can be submitted and will be considered.
- Ten off-road trucks have been deployed to the affected area to support interagency distribution. These will be positioned in Les Caye (five) and Jérémie (five). Organisations interested in transport in the affected areas can request the service by completing the [Service Request Form](#) and submit it to the address indicated within. Guidance on how to complete the form in [English](#) and [French](#)
- DPC stressed the importance of reaching out to the communities on the way to the most affected areas, including Pestel, Bonbon, Corail, to make sure we can deliver safely.
- For security escorts, organisations should organise coordinated convoys and request MINUSTAH JOC support through OCHA Civ-Mil. Movements are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday. The form to request security and the submission guidance are available at the following links:
www.logcluster.org/document/joc-escort-and-security-support-request-form
www.logcluster.org/document/joc-directive-convoys

Sea Transport

- The Dutch Navy has deployed two vessels for a limited period of time.
- One of the vessels (10 x 20' container capacity) will be in Les Cayes to serve remote coastal areas inaccessible by land included between Roche à Bateaux and Tiburon. The vessel is equipped 1 barge and a number of riffs will which allow access to small coastal areas.

- The second vessel (15x20' container capacity) will be based in Jérémie (loading from PaP are required). The vessel can also produce 36 mt of fresh water/day.

5. AOB

- Thanks to the collaboration between WFP, IOM and DPC, a dedicated interagency team will be working at LogBase to process requests from humanitarian organisations responding to the needs of out of reach communities.
- Organisations to submit ad-hoc requests for food and non-food items (NFIs) to reach unattended communities, by submitting the [supply request form](#) to: haiti.clustercargo@wfp.org
- Following and expedite procedure, the Logistics Working Group will receive the supply request and will validate it with IOM, DPC and WFP.
- [Access Constraints Map](#) as of 14 October 2016
- [General Logistics Planning Map of Grand'Anse](#)
- [General Logistics Planning Map of Sud](#)

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 10.00, at DPC COUN.

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