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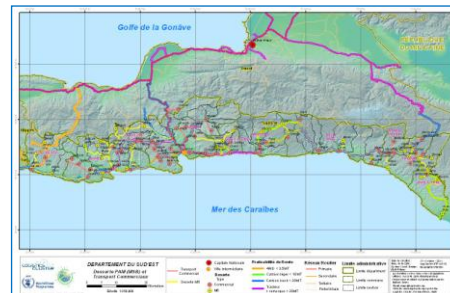
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2 SECURITY

- The **overall situation** throughout Haiti **remains stable** but has the potential to deteriorate at any given time.

3 COORDINATION

- Within the framework of the **Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP)**, the Logistics Cluster has **finalised its 2012 Response Plan** and uploaded its project sheets onto OCHA's Online Project System (OPS), outlining the following **planned activities**:
 - Cluster coordination, the provision of common services, capacity building of national partners and contingency planning support for the 2012 hurricane season;
 - Construction of hurricane-proof warehouses to replace the Mobile Storage Units currently used.

In addition, Handicap International submitted a logistics-related project for the continuation of provision inter-agency storage services in Petit-Goave, which is complementary to the Logistics Clusters project No1. The CAP is currently under Cluster Leads' Headquarter validation (until 03 November 2011), followed by the final approval of the Humanitarian Coordinator in Haiti in the first week of November.
- The Logistics Cluster **evaluation survey** was **closed** on 10 October 2011 after being online for six weeks. The analysis of the **results was presented to participants** of the Logistics Cluster meeting held in Port-au-Prince on 25 October 2011. The presentation is available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/logistics-cluster-haiti-meeting-presentation-1110/view>
- **Logistics Cluster coordination meetings in Port-au-Prince** took place on 11 and 25 October 2011. The first meeting of the month was focused on preparations for the CAP, ongoing transport and storage services and updates of emergency preparedness activities. In the second meeting, the finalisation of the CAP, current GIS activities, new UN Civil Military Guidelines for Haiti, and the outcome of the Logistics Cluster evaluation survey were presented.
- **Sub-Logistics Cluster coordination meetings** took place in **Gonaives** on 21 October and in **Jacmel** on 28 October 2011, with the main topics being current service provision and emergency preparedness activities, as well as constraints and challenges.
- On 14 October 2011, the Logistics Cluster participated in a meeting organised by UNDP to discuss the **support provided by the Humanitarian Community to strengthen national capacity**. UNDP outlined the *Systeme National pour la Gestion des Risques et Desastres* and presented two tables: one summarizing assistance provided to the *Direction de la Protection Civile* (DPC) by the different UN agencies and the other outlining assistance provided to other national entities. A discussion followed on Cluster transition plans and the extent to which these take into account the capacity of national counterparts for disaster risk reduction at central and departmental level.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to **collect prices and tariffs for logistics services** for all departments in Haiti, e.g. transport rates, warehouse costs and fuel prices. This information shall be updated on a regular basis. The team is still **looking for volunteers** from Cluster participants who are interested in **supporting the data collection**, especially at departmental level, to enlarge the circle of sources in order to have the most comprehensive information.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to collect information on ongoing **road rehabilitation projects** across the country. The latest information was summarized in a table and shared with relevant partners (OCHA, UNDP, MINUSTAH) and presented to the DPC on 28 October 2011. This **activity is an initiative of the Logistics Cluster** and shall ensure that efforts carried out by different stakeholders in the **rehabilitation of logistics infrastructure** (roads and bridges) are coordinated so as to maximize resources and deliver timely outputs.

4 TRANSPORT

- **Cholera relief supplies** were transported from Port-au-Prince to hospitals in Belledere, Gonaives, Jacmel, Les Cayes, Miragoane and St Marc on behalf of **WHO/PAHO**. Some support materials was transported for CARE within Port-au-Prince.

- Provision of **transport services continue in the regions** with the dispatch of **predominantly WFP food** items from Cap-Haitien, Gonaives, Jacmel and Les Cayes to the surrounding areas. In addition, 19mt of various items were moved from Jacmel to Petit Goave for Handicap International.
- The **pre-positioning** of food and Non-Food-Items in the regions is **complete**.
- The inter-agency fleet, which is managed by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), continues to operate out of the following locations:
 - **Port-au-Prince/Tabarre1:** 7x M6, 13x Internationals, 5x Mack, 2x jet fuel trucks, 2x fuel trucks;
 - **Cap-Haitien:** 4x M6 trucks serve the Nord-Est Département;
 - **Gonaives:** 14x M6 trucks serve the Artibonite and Nord-Ouest Départements;
 - **Jacmel:** 16x M6 trucks and 1 DAF truck serve the Sud-Est Département;
 - **Les Cayes:** 2x M6 trucks serve the Sud, Grand' Anse and Nippes Départements.
- To use Logistics Cluster services, please see: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/how-to-access-the-logistics-cluster-services-in-haiti> or write to haiti.cargo@logcluster.org .

5 STORAGE

- In view of the upcoming introduction of a cost-recovery system for service provision, WFP is currently evaluating its storage fees to measure Logistics Cluster participants' interest in utilising those services in the future.
- The **preparation of the ground** for the augmentation of the **inter-agency storage site** in Tabarre 1/**Port-au-Prince** was finalised and the installation of three additional Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) started on 28 October 2011. This will bring the overall number of MSUs on this site to 15. The facility is currently used by CBM, Croix Rouge Française, Earth Institute, FAO, ILF, J/P HRO, IRC, Merlin, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO/PAHO.
- In **Cap-Haitien** there are **two MSUs for inter-agency storage** on the WFP compound, each with a **capacity of 550 mt**. One is used by WHO/PAHO; the second one by MSF-CH. The compound is also used by local NGO Konbit Santé, who is storing their items 2 x 40'' container. IFRC prepositioned 4 x 40 in the compound for the cyclonic season preparedness. Oxfam is storing their commodities in an open space within the compound. In the same way UNICEF is also storing various items outside within the compound. The WFP **concrete warehouse (600 m²) at the port is dedicated to NFIs** and is currently used by IOM, UNICEF and WFP. One **MSU with a capacity of 550 mt is available in Fort Liberté**.
- WFP/Logistics Cluster signed a **MoU with MSF-Swiss** for the provision of space in the WFP compound in **Cap-Haitien** for the installation of one tent and one semi-permanent shelter for the storage of cholera related cargo.
- The WFP Logistics base in **Gonaives** consists of **three concrete warehouses, each** with a capacity of **4,500 mt**. **One warehouse is available for the Humanitarian Community** and currently used by ACF, CARE, CRS, FAO, Handicap International, IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO/PAHO and USAID. **Storage space is available**. The other two warehouses are used by WFP for the storage of food.
- In **Jacmel** five MSUs are set up on the WFP storage compound No.2, out of which four have a storage capacity of 350 mt and one of 550 mt. **One MSU with a capacity of 350 mt (240 m²) is available for inter-agency use**. Another MSU with the same capacity was given on loan to UNICEF, who is managing their own cargo storage. The other three tents are being used by WFP for food and non food items. The construction of the **steel hurricane proof warehouse is complete**. However, insulation still has to be completed and a ventilation system installed before it can be used as storage facility.
- The WFP **warehouse compound 'Bergeaud'** located just outside **Les Cayes** has **two steel hurricane proof warehouses (550 m² each)** in place, which are being used by IOM, TdH, UNICEF, WFP and WHO/PAHO. In addition, three MSUs serve as storage space for CRS (2) and WFP (1). **Storage space is available**.

- Two **semi-permanent hurricane proof warehouses**, each with a capacity of **550 m²**, are being constructed in **Jeremie** and the second one in **Port-de Paix**. The concrete base in Jeremie is already built; the framing of the site is being constructed.
- A storage site was identified in **Miragoane**, where a MSU from Logistics Cluster stocks in Port-au-Prince shall be installed for inter-agency use.

6 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM - GIS

- The Logistics Cluster GIS team continues to update its key cartographic products. This month the regional overview maps for the **Départements Grand'Anse, Nippes, Ouest, Sud and Sud-est** were updated, as well as the maps displaying "**Haiti – état des routes**" and "**Haiti -bassins versants**".
- A new map product is the "**Desserte PAM (MSB) et transport commerciaux**" for the Sud-est Département, which was published on 21 October 2011.
- The team also **followed up with map requests from Logistics Cluster participants**, namely ACTED, PU-AMI, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Terre des Hommes, UNICEF and WFP. Logistics related GIS data was exchanged with WFP headquarters in Rome/Italy.
- As prepared measure for the Hurricane Season, the «**Bulletin météo du jour**», which is issued by the **Centre National de Météorologie (CNM) – Haiti** is being shared with Logistics Cluster participants on a daily basis.
- Team organised a **GPS and road assessment training** in **Jacmel** on 27/28 October 2011. Nine participants from four different organisations participated. This was the first of a series of trainings that will be conducted in the regions; the next ones will take place in Cap-Haitien, Hinche and Gonaives in November 2011.
- Logistics Cluster map products are available at:
<http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/docs?doctype=Maps%20%26%20Geograph>

7 CIVIL / MILITARY LIAISON

- The **new UN Civil Military Coordination Guidelines for Haiti**, developed under the mandate of the UN Humanitarian Country Team, have been endorsed by the RC/HC/DSRSG. The guidelines are the result of a collaborative process started in March 2011. The process was coordinated by OCHA with the support of a dedicated Task Force, of which the Logistics Cluster was a key member.
- Further input was provided to the **second draft of MINUSTAH's SOPs** in relation to assistance to Government relief, recovery and reconstruction.
- The Logistics Cluster liaised with the Joint Operations and Tasking Centre (JOTC) for the extension of **MINUSTAH security at WFP warehouse** located in Delmas 2/Port-au-Prince until December 2011.
- Together with MINUSTAH, a **MoU** was drafted for the **disposal of hazardous waste material** collected in WFP workshops across the country.
- The Logistics Cluster attended a briefing at the US embassy on the **Humanitarian Assistance Project (HAP)** conducted by US SOUTHCOM. Participants - USAID/OFDA, UNDP and OCHA - shared information on latest projects and initiatives in Haiti, focusing on the installation of Disaster Relief Warehouses (DRW) across the country.

8 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- The Logistics Cluster was invited to deliver a presentation to the DPC on the outcome of a meeting held with the **Emergency Operation Centre (COE) of the Dominican Republic**. The purpose of that meeting with the COE was to identify the country's **available resources and capabilities to respond to natural disasters**. In addition, the COE mentioned the possibility of initiating joint emergency preparedness activities, including a joint simulation exercise in 2012.

- As a way forward, it was agreed that a DPC delegation shall visit the COE in the Dominican Republic in November 2011 to start a detailed planning of joint activities to be conducted ahead of the 2012 Hurricane Season.
- On 13 October 2011 a joint delegation – WFP, Logistics Cluster, OCHA and JOTC - visited **Gonaives** to deliver a **briefing on emergency preparedness and response**. The audience was composed of 30 participants from the DPC, UN agencies, NGOs, as well as police and military components. Although it was evident that the *Département Artibonite* has a **very good level of coordination** among actors and emergency operation centres, several issues were raised with respect to information flow, roles, responsibilities and availability of resources at departmental level.
- In addition, the Logistics Cluster assisted the WFP Sub Office in **Port-au-Prince** and **Gonaives** for the **roll out of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Package (EPRP)**, and provided a briefing on the conduction of simulation exercises.
- Following the **completion of the Regional Joint Visits** on emergency preparedness and response, the Logistics Cluster liaised with the Joint Operations and Tasking Centre (**JOTC**) to finalise a **mission report and action plan**. The objective of the document is to provide input and a road map for the **2012 Hurricane Season** preparedness planning. The consolidated report and a related presentation were shared with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Working Group (EP&R WG) held on 27 October 2011.

End.