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Each week the Global Logistics Cluster Support Cell (GLCSC) provides an operational update of the activities of Logistics Clusters/Sectors in the field, together with the details of the latest publications on the Logistics Cluster website. The GLCSC is housed in the Logistics Division of the UN World Food Programme, the Global Logistics Cluster Lead. It is comprised of a diverse, multi-skilled group of logisticians drawn from ACF, Care International, WFP, WVI, and MSB (formerly SRSA).

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Libya

Situation:
- The security situation in the area of Sirte remains tense.
- Turkish Airlines has made one flight into Tripoli-Mitiga airport; to date no regular schedule has been established.
- Commercial shipping lines are beginning to resume services to Libyan ports, usually via a transhipment port in Malta, Egypt, Greece or Italy. However, unless the ship has sufficient cargo to make the sailing economically viable deliveries will be delayed, meaning that schedules are not always reliable.
- Commercial shipping activity has improved significantly into Benghazi and is starting to pick up in Misrata and Al-Khoms. Capacity at Tripoli port is still not optimal. It is expected that once the security situation improves, Misrata will resume its role as the main shipping port for Libya.
- Visas for humanitarian staff are now being requested at border crossings and airports. OCHA is looking into the matter on a priority basis.

Coordination:
- The Logistics Cluster in Tunisia is organizing one final customs workshop for organisations bringing relief supplies into Libya. This is due to take place next week.

Services:
- Due to a reduction in the cost of insurance, UNHAS currently has sufficient funds to continue flights until the end of October. As of 30 September, UNHAS has transported 3,685 passengers from 151 UN agencies, NGOs and diplomatic corps. Details about accessing UNHAS services and the updated schedule are available on the Logistics Cluster website.
- The MV Fehim Bey remains under contract until mid-October, although this may be extended until the end of October. Currently the ship is operating at maximum capacity moving food, medical supplies and NFIs from Benghazi to Misrata. As of 06 October, 423 passengers from 51 entities and 11,939 m³ of inter-agency cargo for 27 organisations have been transported on this ship.
- As the demand for cargo movement now exceeds the vessel’s capacity a system has been established to: (1) Prioritise cargo by type/cluster; and (2) Augment on-site management to ensure maximum loads are taken. The prioritisation of cargo is carried out by OCHA and the Logistics Cluster based on the current humanitarian needs, and is routinely reviewed.
- Overall, 13,675 m³ of interagency goods have been transported to date on available/chartered ships by sea at no cost to users for 31 different organisations.
- WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, continues to offer road transport services on a cost recovery basis from Egypt and Tunisia into Libya. To date, 2,296 m³ has been transported for 12 organisations.
- At present WFP does not have sufficient space for interagency storage due to the high food requirements of IDPs from Sirte and Beni Walid. Other options for interagency storage are being investigated.

http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a

October 06 - UNHAS Flight Schedule
http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/unhas-flight-schedule

October 05 - Logistics Providers - Tripoli
http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/logistics_providers_tripoli

October 03 - Meeting Minutes - Tripoli - 27 September 2011
http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/meeting_minutes_tripoli_110927

September 30 - Snapshot - Tripoli Port
http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/snapshot_tripoli_port

September 30 - Snapshot - Ports in Libya
http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/snapshot_ports_in_libya

September 30 - Snapshot - Airports in Libya
http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/snapshot_airports_in_libya

September 30 - Situation Report - 28 September 2011
http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/situation_report_110928

September 30 - Sirte City Map
http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/sirte-city-map
- The WFP warehouse in Benghazi is being returned for commercial use on 15 October, partners have been requested to arrange for the use/shipment/transfer of relief items stored on their behalf in this facility to other locations.
- To date, 2,950 m³ has been stored in Libya on behalf of 13 organisations.
- Interagency storage remains available in Tunisia if required.
- The Logistics Cluster is providing free bonded storage up to 1,000 m² in Malta Freeport for transit cargo.

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March 06 - Meeting Minutes - 30 September 2011

October 05 - Bossasso Port Snapshot

**Somalia Famine Response**

**Situation:**
- Insecurity and access remain the main constraints for humanitarian actors in Somalia.
- Refugees from Somalia continue to arrive in neighbouring countries; current estimates put the total number of Somali refugees in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Djibouti at 910,000, with over 1,000 refugees crossing the borders daily. Additionally, it is estimated that there are approximately 1.5 million Internally Displaced People (IDPs) inside Somalia.
- The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is expecting substantial quantities of relief cargo to arrive in Mogadishu Port from OIC-affiliated organizations in the coming weeks. So far the majority of the cargo is arriving clearly consigned, although an increase in the number of Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBDs) is expected.
- Cargo continues to be offloaded at Mogadishu Airport and Mogadishu Port with no congestion issues.
- Mombasa Port still faces congestion with potential waiting times of between 3 days (conventional ships) to 7 days (for container vessels).

**Coordination:**
- The Somalia Logistics Cluster has uploaded its Project Sheets for 2012 on the OCHA Somalia CAP website. The Somalia Logistics Cluster’s three projects for 2012, endorsed by participants, are:
  1) Coordination/Information Management and Logistics Common Services for the famine response.
  2) Ongoing infrastructure rehabilitation activities (including work on the Bossaso, Mogadishu and Berbera Ports).
  3) UNHAS flights to and within the Horn of Africa.

**Services:**
- In September, in support of humanitarian operations in Somalia, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has transported more than 2,050 passengers to locations in the Horn of Africa.
- The time-chartered vessel tasked to provide marine transport services from Mombasa to Mogadishu is expected to arrive in Mombasa on 11 October. Organisations should continue to submit Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) to the Logistics Cluster for planning purposes.
- Currently the Logistics Cluster has accommodated CMRs with more than 1,100 m³ of relief cargo for four organizations on a WFP-chartered vessel scheduled to depart from Mombasa to Mogadishu on 15 October. Loading of the vessel is ongoing.
- There will also be another WFP-chartered vessel commencing loading in the coming weeks, scheduled to sail from Mombasa to Bossaso. Organisations who would like to have CMRs accommodated on this vessel should submit their requests to the Logistics Cluster as soon as possible.
- The Logistics Cluster is finalizing arrangements for inter-agency storage space in Mogadishu Port with more than 1,000 m³ storage capacity via two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs).
**Pakistan**

**Situation:**
- Severe flooding in south-eastern Pakistan continues to impact communities across the area, with official figures placing the death toll at 434 and an additional 755 injured.
- According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) roughly 660,000 people are living in the 2,737 refugee camps that have been established, and a total of 8.9 million people have been affected by the floods.
- Rising water has destroyed 1.5 million homes in 37,000 villages and 2.1 million acres of farm land in Sindh province alone, it is estimated that to date the disaster has caused $9.7 billion in damages.
- Regarding the issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for the importation of humanitarian relief goods, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) is now able to issue NOCs in addition to the NDMA.

**Coordination:**
- Currently there are two weekly Logistics Cluster Coordination meetings being held in Karachi and Hyderabad, and one in Islamabad as required. Minutes from these meetings are available on the Logistics Cluster website.

**Services:**
- The Logistics Cluster, in coordination with PDMA, Fisher Folk, and WFP has facilitated the provision of seven boats, currently tasked by the PDMA to provide emergency medical assistance in the affected areas of Sindh. In addition the Logistics Cluster has accommodated a request from WFP for the provision of ten boats to be used for assessments and food distribution.
- At the request of a local NGO, based in Hyderabad, the Logistics Cluster had facilitated the transportation of 2.9 mt of food items from Hyderabad to Tando Jan Muhammad.
- The Logistics Cluster has provided temporary inter-agency storage for 390 mt of relief items on behalf of the humanitarian community in Nawabshah, Badin, and Sanghar.

**Yemen**

**Situation:**
- The security situation in the country remains tense, with reports of ongoing violence.
- The continuous situation of unrest has forced several fuel stations to close.
- There is a limited availability of electrical power in all Sana’a and several other provinces.

**Coordination:**
- The Logistics Cluster Contact List has been revised, updated and distributed to Logistics Cluster partners.

**Services:**
- The Logistics Cluster has begun to dispatch fuel in accordance with the Fuel Allocation Plan for October to participating humanitarian organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster distributed 7,274 litres of Diesel and 650 litres of Petrol to humanitarian organisations.
- A meeting with Yemenia Joint Venture (YJV) was held on 05 October to request an extension of the ad-hoc agreement for flights to Sa'adah. All relevant documents concerning the aircraft will be sent to the aviation unit in Rome. Dash-8 aircraft will be included in the agreement. However, security clearance from the government has not yet been confirmed.
Haiti

Situation:
- Tropical weather forecasts for the Caribbean Sea are being closely monitored. No serious weather-related problems arose over the past week.
- The security situation throughout Haiti remains stable.

Coordination:
- OCHA Online Projects System is active for those Logistics cluster participants willing to submit projects for the 2012 Consolidated Appeal.

Civil/Military Liaison:
- The Logistics Cluster provided further inputs to the second draft of MINUSTAH’s SOPS in relation to Assistance to the Government Relief, Recovery and Reconstruction.

Emergency Preparedness – 2011 Hurricane Season:
- The Logistics Cluster attended a WFP workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Response held in Panama. The workshop objectives were to brief participants on the new WFP Emergency Preparedness Response Package (EPRP) in addition, participants took part in a two day simulation exercise.

South Sudan

Situation:
- Throughout last week the situation remained complex especially in Jonglei State.
- Ongoing insecurity in South Kordofan and Blue Nile State has led to a further increase of individuals seeking refuge in South Sudan’s north.

Common services:
- Consolidation for the 3rd Logistics Cluster Common Barge is on-going with a projected loading date falling within the next week. CMRs have been accommodated on behalf of UNICEF, IOM, World Vision, MSF-H.
- IOM via common transport is to place focal points in Juba and Malakal (barge discharge port). Focal points will also initiate boat movements between Upper Nile and Unity States once in place.
- A convoy of 3 common transport trucks will travel from Wau to Rumbek in the coming days to deliver NFI’s to displaced populations within Lakes State.

Infrastructure and Assessments:
- Work on the Kuajok road has stopped while the contractor is replaced; emergency procedures to indentify when a new contractor are underway.
- Rubkhona Airstrip: The road to the murram quarry site remains inaccessible. As such there has been no transportation of murram this reporting period. Further to this, the contractor expressed cash flow problems.
- Assessment of the Kauto Bridge is still on hold due to poor weather conditions.

Sudan

Situation:
- The situation in the two states of South Kordofan and Blue Nile is restricting the ability of humanitarian organisations to deliver aid. An increased number of checkpoints and some clearance issues are affecting access to both Damazine and Kadugli.
- Mines and UXO incidents were reported in Rashad (50 km NE of Kadugli), Um Serdiba (32 km east of Kadugli) and Al Salamat (On the outskirts of Kadugli town).
- Fuel shortages continue in Kurmuk, affecting medical deliveries by Goal to Demansour and Keyli. It is reported that some local operators are accessing additional fuel supplies via Ethiopia.
- Wet weather in South Kordofan and Blue Nile continues to limit accessibility.
- The road security situation in Darfur is unpredictable; the main supply route of El Fasher – Nyala is reported to be affected by armed robbery, and escort is mandatory.
### Coordination:
- WFP Logistics Coordination Unit (LCU) worked together with Goal and IAS to document the customs steps for re-exporting cargo to South Sudan. Goal and IAS recently received the required customs documents to re-export items from North Sudan to South Sudan. The items include vehicles with South Sudan registration numbers and non-food items such as construction material, stationery, office furniture and medical items.
- The WFP-LCU scheduled training on GPS technology will be held on 10 October 2011 in Nyala, South Darfur. LCU will take the opportunity to discuss GIS & mapping requirements with partners.
- During the reporting week, the WFP Fleet provided support on road data collection. A total of 128 kms of new road data for North Darfur, and a further 214 kms of new road data for Blue Nile state was extracted from the Digitized Russian Topos 1:250km.

### Services:
- UNHAS flights between Khartoum-Juba-Khartoum are on hold as work continues on the required approvals.

### Infrastructure and Assessments:
- Kotsi barge operations are progressing well. During loading, one customs officer is required to supervise the operation until 15:30, when activities cease.

### D.R.C.

#### Coordination:
- At the last Logistics Cluster meeting in Kinshasa participants were briefed the strategy for the Humanitarian Action Plan 2012.

#### Services:
- The Logistics Cluster provided transportation for 8 mt of medicine and medical equipment from Bunia to Haut & Bas Uele on behalf of the humanitarian community.

#### Infrastructure and Assessments:
- The organisation Action Agro Allemande (AAA) will begin work to rehabilitate the Dungu-Niangara route (96 km) in Haut Uele, Oriental Province in the coming weeks.
- Premiere Urgence (PU) is expected to begin work to rehabilitate the ferry boat on Dingila River, Oriental Province.

### Cote d’Ivoire

#### October 07 - Liberia - Shuttle Flight Schedule - October 2011
[http://www.logcluster.org/ops/civ11a/liberia_shuttle_flight_schedule_october_2011](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/civ11a/liberia_shuttle_flight_schedule_october_2011)