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<http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/depots-logistiques-humanitaires-en-haiti>



1 GENERAL OVERVIEW

- The **Health Cluster** is reporting that nationwide **Cholera cases continue to decrease**. This trend is supported by data from the *Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population* (MSPP). Since the beginning of the epidemic, the MSPP has reported 267,244 cumulative cholera cases, including 142,870 hospitalisations and 4,749 deaths over the country (source: <http://www.mspp.gouv.ht> , 22 March 2011). In view of the downward trend, some NGOs, who have set up a significant number of **Cholera Treatment Centres/Units**, are now leaving these facilities and are **handing them over to MSPP**, but will continue to monitor the situation and are ready to return to support the response.
- **Earthquake relief efforts** are transitioning **from emergency to recovery activities**. The Shelter Cluster reports that out of 125,000 planned transitional shelters (by the end of 2011), 45 percent are completed. Latest figures from the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster indicate a **continuous decrease in the number of IDPs living in camps**. The estimated camp population, which peaked in July 2010 with 1.5 million individuals, is now approximately **680,000**. 71 percent of those leaving the camps moved to houses; others to a tent or shelter on a plot.
- With the **rainy season** (April-May) and the **hurricane season** (June-November) **approaching**, the Humanitarian Community and Government of Haiti are **re-enforcing emergency preparedness planning** at both, the national and departmental level. The *Direction de la Protection Civile* (DPC) estimates that **300,000 people could be affected** this year. The *départements* Nord, Nord-Ouest and Artibonite are the most vulnerable.
- The **second round** of the **presidential election** was held on **20 March 2011**, just two days after former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide returned from seven years in exile in South Africa. **No major security incidents** and/or unrest were reported in the aftermath. One key factor will be how many of the 4.7 million eligible voters cast their ballots (23 percent votes in the first round). On 30 March 2011, the *Conseil Electoral Provisoire* (CEP) reported inconsistencies in the tabulation of the votes. Preliminary results are expected to be announced on 04 April 2011, and the **final results** will be announced in **mid-April 2011**.

2 SECURITY

- The **overall situation** throughout Haiti is relatively **calm, but unstable and volatile** with the potential to deteriorate at any time due to **election related tensions**. The UN in Haiti operates under the new **UN Security level 4** (substantial risk).

3 LOGISTICS COORDINATION

- **Logistics Cluster coordination meetings** took place in **Port-au-Prince** on **15 and 29 March 2011**. The meeting attracts an average of 25 participants. Main topics discussed this month were the **revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** and **emergency preparedness activities** in regards to the upcoming hurricane season.
- **New SOPs outlined** that the off-road trucks of the inter-agency fleet are best utilised on difficult and inaccessible secondary and tertiary routes. This means that in future the Logistics Cluster will concentrate its efforts on secondary and tertiary transport services only. **Organisations should make efforts to manage their own primary transport on good roads between major settlements using their own or commercially available assets.** This move is in line with the Logistics Cluster mandate, which is to augment organisations' own capacities and to fill gaps in commercially available services. <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/how-to-access-the-logistics-cluster-services-in-haiti>
- **Sub-Logistics Cluster coordination meetings** took place in **Gonaives** (04 and 18 March), **Petit Goave** (04 and 18 March), **Jacmel** (16 and 30 March) and **Cap-Haitien** (on 18 March), These meetings were chaired by representatives of WFP/Logistics Cluster partner organisation **Handicap International/Atlas Logistique.**
- A field mission to **Les Cayes** was undertaken on 23 March 2011, in order to assess the **requirements for Logistics Cluster coordination meetings** to be held there. A first meeting is planned mid April 2011.
- The "**Logistics & Supply**" Working Group meets now only once a month at the **Palais National**. These meetings are **chaired by the MSPP** and their purpose is to ensure **coordination activities with the Government** of Haiti. **Main topic** discussed in the "March"- meeting on the 25th was supply tracking and balanced availability of commodity countrywide.
- All meeting minutes are available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/docs?doctype=Minutes%20%26%20Meetings>

5 TRANSPORT

- This month the Logistics Cluster **dispatched from Port-au-Prince** a total of **931mt** of various response items and materials. **301mt** of **Cholera emergency supplies**, hygiene kits, washes items; **630mt** of **warehouse equipment** and **lumber** were moved from Port-au-Prince to **24 locations** throughout the country.
- **14 humanitarian organizations** (UN agencies and NGOs) and **1 Government institution** utilized Logistics Cluster **transport services** this month, raising the amount of users to 122 and totally 14,476mt dispatched from Port-au-Prince since the beginning of the Haiti emergency operation in January 2010.
- **Transport services** continue **throughout different regions. Food, NFIs and cholera relief items** have been **dispatched** from **Gonaives, Jacmel and Cap-Haïtien** to the areas in need, on behalf of the humanitarian community, as well as the *Direction Nationale de l'Eau Potable et de l'Assainissement (DINEPA)*.



Photo: Trucks of the inter-agency fleet in Gonaives, March 2011.

- **326 passengers** from **33 organizations** have used **UNHAS passenger transport** services this month by two aircraft: 1x fixed wing Let410 and 1x Mi-6 helicopter.
- Due to a steady decline of demand for airlifts **UNHAS discontinued all services in Haiti** on 30 March 2011. UNHAS will continue to **closely monitor the humanitarian situation in country** and will be prepared to re-establish air support at short notice subject to funding, should the need arise.
- The latest **Dashboard - Overview of deliveries** - is available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/deliveries-overview>

6 STORAGE

- The four **Mobile Storage Units** for **inter-agency use** on the WFP compound in **Cap-Haitien** will be **relocated shortly within the compound**. These facilities are being used by **IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO** and a few **local NGOs**. Partners' commodity will be temporarily stored at the inter-agency warehouse at the port.
- A **concrete slab in Jacmel** is still under construction. The slab will serve as a base for the positioning of a **steel hurricane proof warehouse** there. This will be located inside the WFP warehouse compound in Jacmel and **will be available for storing inter-agency cargo** via the Logistics Cluster.
- In **Les Cayes** one of the two **steel hurricane proof warehouses** (550m² each), that are currently being erected inside the WFP warehouse compound 'Bergeaud', is almost ready; the second one is still in the process of being established. These domes have been purchased by the Logistics Cluster; hence space within the facilities will **be available for storing inter-agency cargo**.
- Two **containers** from Logistics Cluster stocks in Port-au-Prince have been **given on loan to WHO/PAHO in Miragoane and Lalue-Bourdon** to increase storage capacity at these locations.
- The **relocation of Logistics Cluster warehouse No 3 in Croix des Bouquets to the WFP compound in Port-au-Prince** (Tabarre) was completed as planned on 31 March 2011. Logistics Cluster **services continue** at the new site; **priority will be given to emergency response material**.



Photo: One of the last containers loaded in Logistics Cluster warehouse No 3, Croix des Bouquets, March 2011.

7 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM - GIS

- The Logistics Cluster GIS unit continues to update key mapping products. The **“Dépôts logistiques humanitaires en Haïti”** as well as the **“L'état des routes”** – national level were updated this month.
- In addition the team **followed up with map requests from Logistics Cluster participants**, namely Compassion Alliance, Handicap International/Atlas Logistique, International Management Group (IMG-EU), Oxfam America, UNICEF and WFP.
- Collaboration with **colleagues from OCHA and IOM** continues in order **to provide mapping support to the MSPP and the Health Cluster**. While OCHA is producing maps displaying Cholera treatment sites at the national level, **the Logistics Cluster is producing the ones for the departmental**, and IOM for commune level (Port-au-Prince). Raw data is being provided by WHO/PAHO, verified by the MSPP and processed by the Logistics Cluster for further dissemination.
- All Logistics Cluster map products are available at <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/hti10a/docs?doctype=Maps%20%26%20Geograph>
- All maps related to the Cholera response are published on <http://haiti.humanitarianresponse.info>

8 CIVIL/MILITARY LIAISON

- **The Joint Operations and Tasking Centre (JOTC)** is touring the regions to deliver **briefings** on its **preparedness activities** for this year's hurricane season, forthcoming **simulation exercise** and its **support** to the ongoing **humanitarian operation**. The **Logistics Cluster participated** in a session in Fort-Liberté on 09 March 2011. The audience (Military, Police Units, MINUSTAH Civil Affairs) were briefed on the Logistics Cluster **mandate** and **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** in Haiti, as well as **its role in the JOTC/EJOC system**.
- The **Development Working Group Cell** for the **Joint Natural Disaster Simulation Exercise** (12 -15 April 2011) has **completed** the overall general **framework for the scenarios** to be injected in Port-au-Prince. The Logistics

Cluster is currently providing detailed data on **transport and logistics "problems"** that will be submitted to participants during the exercise. A meeting was held on 29 March in relation to the Gonaives-based exercise and WFP was assigned the role of Coordinating Agency in this location. In addition, the Logistics Cluster liaised with the *Direction de la Protection Civile* (DPC) to ensure representation during the IDP camp evacuation component of the Simulation Exercise.

- The Logistics Cluster participated in the 107th **United Nations Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination** (UN-CMCoord) course that took place from 20-25 March 2011 in Mexico City. Participants included representatives from UN agencies, NGOs as well as the military community. The **course focused on coordination challenges** that actors involved in a natural disaster or complex emergency face in the realms of security, medic, evacuation, logistics, transport, communications, information management, and others. Existing civil military guidelines were examined and discussed among participants.

9 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- From 01-03 March the Logistics Cluster participated in a 2-day Emergency Preparedness workshop. This "**Atelier Saison Cyclonique**" was organized by the *Direction de la Protection Civile* (DPC) and the *Ministère de l'Intérieur et des Collectivités Territoriales* (MICT) for emergency preparedness focal points of each Cluster, in order to **evaluate 2010 preparedness activities** and to **continue planning for the next hurricane season**.
- The Logistics Cluster briefed participants regarding the **preliminary results of the Logistics Cluster 2010 Emergency Preparedness survey** conducted to evaluate the timeliness and effectiveness of the Logistics Cluster response for the 2010 cyclonic season. The results will now be further analysed and consolidated into summary diagrams and charts.
- The Logistics Cluster **participated to the briefing** of the **Joint Operations and Tasking Centre** (JOTC) that took place on in Fort-Liberté on 09 March for civil and military representatives. **Logistics Cluster mandate and SOPs** in Haiti, as well as its role in the JOTC-EJOC system was explained.
- The Logistics Cluster is **part of** one of the **Development Working Groups** of the **Joint Natural Disaster Simulation Exercise**, scheduled to take place 12-15 April 2011. The group met for its second session on 15 March to continue drafting the **overall scenario framework** for Port-au-Prince. After **identifying what type of damage** the passage of a hurricane would have in the capital (wind affected areas, landslide and flooding damage) Working Group members **identified needs** in terms of humanitarian assistance (shelter, food, water etc.). Logistics **bottlenecks** and **damage to infrastructure** (bridges, roads, etc) were also identified on the basis of GIS map products.
- As a permanent **member** of the **Emergency Preparedness and Response Working Group**, which is chaired by OCHA, the Logistics Cluster shared with group members a briefing paper on the first Joint Natural Disaster Simulation Exercise during this weeks' meeting and a **proposal of a more efficient coordination mechanism** that aims at integrating the humanitarian coordination system with the Government's one. This working group convenes every week to meet the needs for early and qualified **multi-hazard contingency planning** in support of the Government of Haiti.

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