**LOCATION**
Benghazi, Libya (Online)

**DATE**
28 September 2023

**CHAIR**
Logistics Working Group with WFP

**PARTICIPANTS**
Action Contre la Faim (ACF); Americares Foundation; Cesvi Libya; Danish Refugee Council (DRC); Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO); Global Logistics Cluster (GLC); Helpcode; humedica International Aid; INGO Forum; International Committee of the Red Cross/Red Crescent (ICRC); International Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent; International Rescue Committee (IRC); Kuehne & Nagel Emergency Relief; Muslim Aid UK; Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC); OCHA; 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**

- Search and rescue teams are slowly demobilizing.
- United Nations (UN) Flash Appeal was submitted on 14 September for $71.4 million required to assist 250,000 people for three months.
2. Logistics Update

- New situation updates have been posted on the dedicated [Libya country page](https://logcluster.org/en/countries/LBY), including information related to airports, customs, and maps.
- Reports have been received of transport and food prices increasing but that the prices are starting to stabilize.
- The Logistics Working Group is participating in the Inter Working Group Forum.
- LogIE is being updated with partner feedback on road accessibility. Partners are asked to share updates on road conditions they observe with the Logistics Working Group to consolidate the information in LogIE.
- Partners have heard it is challenging to cross the border from both Egypt and Tunisia into Libya and asked if any organisations had information. WFP is currently awaiting the arrival of trucks in Benghazi crossing into Libya from Egypt. No issues have been reported yet in their movement.
- Multiple organisations noted access issues to affected areas including Derna as they have not received necessary permissions from CSS. This challenge was noted and had already been raised with the Access Working Group (AWG).
  - The co-chair of the AWG voiced that this would be a topic of conversation at their meeting later in the day.
  - It was highlighted that organisations experiencing access challenges should report the issues they encounter as it will help OCHA in discussions with authorities if they have specific information on the instances of access challenges. Organisations can reach out to the below AWG focal points to report access issues:
    - Imad Elzen (OCHA Access East): imadidin.elzen@un.org
    - Tarek Ghwela (OCHA West): tarek.ghwela@un.org
    - Cristina Lopez Iscoa (OCHA Access-remote): cristina.lopeziscoa@un.org
    - Matthew Chrastek (LIF): director@ingoforumlibya.org

CHALLENGES

Challenges reported by responding humanitarian organisations include:
- Significant delay in the issuance of visas is still ongoing, many requests are being processed.
- Access to Al-Marj, Derna, Shahhat, Sousa, and other affected areas continues to be a challenge. For more information, please refer to the AWG.
- New regulations are being put in place by local authorities.

4. Partner Updates

QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING OR WHATSAPP GROUP

- Do any organisations have information about the procurement or importation of IT equipment?
Some procurement requires approval, and that process can take some time.

- The UN makes requests through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- One partner report that satellite phones and radios must be purchased from licensed vendors who will liaise directly with the General Authority for Telecommunications and Informatics in order to get a license from the Ministry of the Interior.
- Partners importing equipment for humanitarian use do not need to have a license, but the items must be exported after their operation is complete and cannot be left in the country. It is not clear if these items still need to be declared or registered even if no license is needed.

**WAREHOUSES**

- Kuehne & Nagel reported several warehouse options are available in and around Benghazi.
- Partners were asked if they had any challenges locating storage space based on early results from the Partner Warehouse Capacity Assessment; only one partner voiced an initial challenge with finding space but reported they were now successfully renting a warehouse in Shahatt.

**AIRPORTS**

- BHA asked if any organisations were bringing in cargo through Al Abraq or Tobruk airports or if there was any interest in using those airports. No partners in the meeting voiced plans to use those airports.

**CUSTOMS AND IMPORTATION**

- Medical items are currently being approved by the Benghazi medical centre. It has been reported that medicines originating from the European Union are exempt from this approval process.

5. **AOB**

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The next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be held on 2 October 2023.

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