Libya Logistics Working Group
Libya – Coordination Meeting Minutes
23 October 2023

LOCATION
Benghazi, Libya (Online)

DATE
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CHAIR
Logistics Working Group with WFP

PARTICIPANTS
ACTED; Americares; CARE Germany; Danish Refugee Council (DRC); Global Logistics Cluster (GLC); humedica International Aid; Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF); Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); United Nations High Commission for Refugee (UNHCR); World Food Programme (WFP)

AGENDA
1. Situation Update
2. Logistics Update
3. Partner Updates
4. Logistics Working Group Coordination Meeting Frequency Poll
5. AOB

ACTION POINTS
• Logistics Working Group to share information related to local suppliers e.g construction, NFI/Shelter kits.
• Partners are asked to share information about local suppliers as well
• Partners are asked to share information on logistics challenges they encounter in their operations with the Logistics Working Group.
• The Logistics Working Group will share adjusted coordination meeting invite to match new frequency of every two weeks.

1. Situation Update

• The Libya Flash Appeal is now 43.4% funded ($31M USD out of the requested $71.4M USD)
• There are no visa updates related to Note Verbale No. 2. For any questions related to the reference number for the international non-governmental organisations (INGO) reference number, organisations can reach out to: Matthew Chrastek (director@ingoforumlibya.org)

2. Logistics Update

• The Logistics Working Group is participating in the Inter Working Group. Partners are asked to share challenges that they would like to have discussed in the Inter Working Group meetings.
• Issues related to security clearances and identifying local non-food item (NFI)/shelter item suppliers were raised at the Inter-Working Group meeting.
• The Logistics Working Group Terms of Reference are available on the Libya country page.
• Many partners noted they are implementing their operations through local organisations such as LibAid and the Libya Red Crescent.
• Some partners are scaling up local procurement and looking for additional vendor options.
• Overland access from Cairo is still complex and options for charter flights from Mitiga or Benina are being explored.
• Contracts for transport to partners from WFP with a signed service level agreement (SLA).

**CHALLENGES**

Challenges reported by responding humanitarian organisations include:
• Significant delay in the issuance of visas is still ongoing. Organisations can contact the Access Working Group for more information.
• Access to affected areas continues to be a challenge. Organisations needing to access these areas should submit a form for each activity area with the support of the Access Working Group; United Nations organisations submit through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international non-government organisations submit through Country Cooperations Strategy (CCS)-E.

3. Partner Updates

**QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AND WHATSAPP GROUP**

• The status of roads going to Derna has been updated in LogIE as they have been shared with the Logistics Working Group.
• Identification of local NFI/shelter kit suppliers is still in progress.
• Identification of construction companies near Al Marj, Shabat, Bayda, and Derna is in progress.

**DOCUMENTATION**

• ACTED is still waiting for security clearances.
  o Partners experiencing delays and other challenges with security clearances are asked to share their specific experiences and challenges with the Access Working Group as they need details and specific examples to support their advocacy efforts in this area.

**FLIGHTS**

• ACTED noted challenges with flights when their team needs go travel to Tripoli or other locations and then back to the affected area.

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- The Logistics Working Group will check on this and come back with more information.
- It was commented that some new routes have opened and that individuals may need to fly back out the way they entered, i.e. someone that came to Benghazi through Tripoli would need to leave via Tripoli.

SUPPLIERS/PROCUREMENT

- CARE will share information on the suppliers they identified with the Logistics Working Group to support the consolidation of a supplier list for interested organisations.

WAREHOUSING

- ACTED interested in warehouse options in Benghazi, Logistics Working Group to share contract information for IOM for the possible request of their shared storage space.
  - Partners interested in warehouse space in Benghazi can reach out to Yasir Gmati (Yasir.gmati@wfp.org) for information on options in the area.

4. Logistics Working Group Coordination Meeting Frequency Poll

- A poll was shared for partners to vote on their preferred frequency for the Logistics Working Group coordination meetings, which have been occurring every Monday. In the poll, seven out of nine partners selected to have the meetings adjusted to be every two weeks rather than weekly from the following options: weekly, every two weeks, monthly, and never.

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5. AOB

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The next Logistics Working Group coordination meeting will be held on 6 November 2023.

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