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State/PRM Libya Humanitarian Update Thursday, August 25, 2011

Numbers at a Glance (no change)

Libyan Refugees:

- 90,000 in Tunisia (estimate); 60,500 registered by UNHCR
- 9,000 in Egypt
- 21,664 Libyan returnees; 9,289 the week of 15-21 August

Libyan Internally Displaced Persons:

- 75,000 (UNHCR estimate) – 50,000 in/around Tripoli/Zlitan and 25,000 in/around Misrata

Third Country Nationals in Libya:

- 100,000 Egyptians (estimate by Egyptian government)
- 1,000,000 (IOM estimate of potential evacuees if security collapses)

Third Country Nationals in Tunisia and Egypt

- 3,300 in Tunisia (including refugees under consideration for resettlement)
- 1,000 in Egypt (mainly refugees under consideration for resettlement)

Top Line Issues

- Water scarcity in and around Tripoli has left between 2.5-4 million residents in need. If supplies do not become available soon, large-scale population movements may commence, leaving many vulnerable and putting enormous strain on neighboring areas and services. The shortage appears to be the result of a lack of fuel and the flight from Qadhafi forces of technicians who operate the wells that source the municipal system (about 1,000 miles to south of Tripoli).
- IOM's evacuation vessel has taken on passengers from Tripoli and has departed for Benghazi from where the passengers will travel over land to Egypt for onward transport; a manifest will be available shortly. Another ship (with 900 pax capacity) is expected to arrive in Tripoli on Saturday and depart the same night for Benghazi.
- Medical and surgical needs continue; USG has procured additional medical supplies for consignment to partners in Tripoli while ICRC, Libyan Red Crescent Society, and MSF teams are active across the country.

Update

- A TNC official has been named to liaise with the UNICEF-led water task force. The TNC has also reached out to regional actors for assistance and to source supplies, including Qatar, Turkey, Tunisia, Malta, France, Italy, and Greece. UNICEF will borrow

\$10 million from OCHA Headquarters for use in responding to immediate water needs in and around Tripoli.

- Food stocks remain adequate throughout most of Libya though access is increasingly an issue for some. WFP has 10,000 tons of pre-positioned, un-distributed food ready to address any shortages in the country but again ability to distribute may be a problem.
- Germany will lend the TNC 100 million Euros against the frozen Libyan government funds in Germany. The funds are to be used for humanitarian purposes and will be deposited in the TFM account in Doha today.
- The Humanitarian Coordinator plans to move forward with the deployment of agencies and humanitarian actors from Zarzis, Tunisia to Tripoli, as soon as a UNDSS security assessment can be completed. The TNC is expected to move in part to Tripoli before Eid and priority actions include identifying official TNC counterparts to the international organizations.
- Cross-border access between Tunisia and Libya appears to be improving. The crossing point at Ras Ajdir is reportedly open, but with light activity and long waits for those crossing into Tunisia. The point at Dahiba remains open. On 23 August, 1,200 Libyans crossed to Tunisia through Dahiba border point while another 1,470 returned to Libya through the same entry point.
- Insecurity along the Zarzis-Zawiya-Tripoli road may prevent the delivery of some humanitarian goods from Tunisia. Additionally, four Italian journalists were kidnapped yesterday (Aug 24) on the road east of Zawiya traveling toward Tripoli by an unknown group; no further information on their whereabouts is available at this time.
- An Interagency UN humanitarian assessment mission was scheduled to arrive in Misrata today, and plans to proceed to Zlitan on Friday /Saturday, and will return to Benghazi on Sunday. The mission will be distributing mattresses, blankets, and hygiene kits.

Wednesday, August 24 Tasks/Developments

1. TNC request –USG Humanitarian Delivery Options Paper
2. IOM Evacuation – PRM tracking IOM ship
3. Libya Humanitarian Scenarios Paper

USG Funding – FY 2011: \$89,425,925 (no change)

USAID/OFDA Assistance for the Complex Emergency in Libya	\$12,274,218
USAID/FFP Assistance for the Complex Emergency in Libya	\$15,654,100
State/PRM Assistance for the Complex Emergency in Libya	\$60,000,000
State/PM/WRA Assistance for the Complex Emergency in Libya	\$1,497,607