



## Mission Report EL-Arish Egypt From 15-01-09 to 10-02-09

### **Background**

In the context of the Gaza emergency response, a mission was requested by HQ Rome to support with the Logistic Cluster, in close collaboration with the Egyptian Red Crescent and various international organizations. The primary objective was the opening of two staging areas, one at the El-Arish airport and one at WFP warehouse in El-Arish, for the receipt and dispatch of relief items to the Gaza population.

### **Objectives**

The main objectives of the mission were:

- Set up of the warehouse at El-Arish warehouse and Airport;
- Cargo consolidation, palletization, prioritisation, and forwarding.
- Integrate in-kind donations and support the Egyptian Red Crescent and the international community and NGOs.
- Capacity building through on-the-job training of local staff recruited.

### **Tools**

- Distribution of information related to warehouse policies, how to receive and dispatch cargo.
- Guidance and service provided to the Logistic Cluster in Jerusalem for Gaza crises.
- Documentation provided prior of dispatch, labelling, waybills, tracking sheets, RLO
- Daily reports provided, tracking of IN- OUT data base, Stock report.

### **Conclusions**

During the reporting period, the two staging areas managed a total inbound and outbound volume of approx. 2,000 MT. The main activities involved receipt, palletization and dispatch of more than 20 different items such as food commodities, blankets, hygiene kits, plastic sheeting and medicines.

By the end of the mission, successful hand-over to WFP country office of two local staff recruited in El-Arish. The distribution of relief items to through UN agencies and NGO partners for the Gaza Crisis.

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