Mali – Complex Emergency

ETC Situation Report #30

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Highlights

- New VSAT in Mopti is providing the humanitarian community in this area with internet connectivity.

Cluster Responsibilities

- WFP is leading ETC activities in Mali with responsibility for coordination, implementation and overall operation support for common ICT services.

Achievements

- An inter-agency capable VSAT has been installed in the new UN common ground in Mopti to provide the humanitarian community operating in this area with internet connectivity. The ETC Response Solution, comprising technologies from emergency.lu and Ericsson Response, has been demobilised. The ETC thanks these partners for their contribution.

- The COMCEN in Bamako has been moved to the UNDP compound. The COMCEN continues to operate 24/7, providing security telecommunications services to the humanitarian community there.

- Additional ETC staff have arrived in country to support the operation.

Challenges and Gaps

- The ETC Mali operation is severely constrained by funding. Funding required for 2014 ETC activities is US$2.1million to ensure all locations can be provided with vital IT and telecommunications services. To date, only US$250,000 has been received. If additional funding is not received by March 2014, the ETC will need to drastically revise its operational plan.

Planned Activities

- The security situation in Kidal remains volatile. ETC equipment has arrived in country and will be deployed once security clearance is granted.

- The ETC is working with MINUSMA to ensure provision of robust and reliable security telecommunications services.

- The ETC is working with UNDP on recruitment of Radio Operators for remaining sites, including Timbuktu and Gao.

Meetings

Global ETC teleconference

The next Global ETC teleconference on Mali will be held:

Tuesday 4th February, 2014:

0900 New York
1400 UTC
1400 Bamako
1500 Rome/Geneva
1800 Dubai

Acronyms

COMCEN	Communications Centre
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
MINUSMA	Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
UNDSS	United Nations for Safety and Security
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNHAS	United Nations Humanitarian Air Service
UNHCR	United Nations Refugee Agency
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
VHF	Very High Frequency
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
WFP	UN World Food Programme

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