

LOCATION: WFP Somalia Conference Room

DATE: 04th December 2014

CHAIR: Vladimir Jovcev

PARTICIPANTS: UNICEF, TROCAIRE, UNHAS, WFP

ACTION POINTS: Participants were kindly reminded to share their requests for cargo airlift

AGENDA:

1. Update on inter-agency airlift operation
2. Situation on road corridors / Access Constraints
3. Update from individual agencies
4. Logistics cluster draft proposal 2015
5. AOB

1. Update on inter-agency airlift operation

- In November more the 130.000 mt of inter-agency cargo was airlifted before the Logistics Cluster halted the operation due to a technical hitch with one Aircraft in service (a Fokker 50). The details of cargo lifted was shared to provide, a summary of quantity moved by each organization and per destination.

Update from UNHAS:

- Participants were informed about the cancellation of scheduled flights, while WFP HQ launched a replacement. A larger cargo plane is now in place, which starts airlift operations on Wednesday 10 December 2014.
- The UNHAS office will be closed on 25th Dec and 01st Jan 2015. Thus flight bookings should be sent and confirmed early in advance. A notification to this effect will be sent out.
- TROCAIRE, the NGO currently manning the airstrip, is kindly requested to submit a situation overview on Luuq airstrip to UNHAS.

2. Situation on road Corridors / Access constraints

- The Mandera (Kenya-Somalia) border is closed, due to recent fatal security incidents. This will affect movements of goods and people along this border. However humanitarian aid organizations wishing to move cargo can send their request to the Commissioner of customs.
- The situation regarding the road corridors remains risky.
- The Somaliland and Puntland border crossing still not opened, however crossing requests might be considered on exceptional cases.

3. Update from Individual Agencies

- A convoy carrying WFP food en route to Huddur was diverted in Adado, but all but one truck were later released. One truck remains detained.
- WFP has contracted a charter vessel that will ship cargo from Mombasa to Mogadishu. However, this vessel is currently loading in Dar es Salaam and is expected to arrive in Berbera around 25th-26th December. Agencies were asked to send their requests should they want to utilize the service.
- UNICEF plans to airlift NFIs and medical supplies to various regions in Somalia.
- Trocaire have their base in Luuq, and have plans to airlift medical supplies as well as to ship plumpy nut to Mogadishu on 1st or 2nd week of January 2015. Procurement ongoing.

- Trocaire has obtained a 6 months clearance to use the Mandera border crossing. The clearance is renewable.
- It was reported that UNHCR is planning to repatriate Somali refugees from Kenya. Hence a significant increase in flight requests might occur.

4. Logistics cluster draft proposal 2015

- Participants agreed that the proposal for 2015 should not be published yet, as the situation is evolving and there may be significant changes in the next weeks. This follows the African Union Mission to Somalia's (AMISOM's) plan to secure Mogadishu – Dolow road corridor. Discussions within the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) are ongoing regarding how this can be achieved.

5. AOB

- Kismayo port opened a Liner service by Mediterranean Shipping Company. Services are available once a month.
- Next meeting will be held on 15th January 2015. Details to be communicated early in 2015.

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