

MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

25 May 2012

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: Logistics Cluster, UNDSS, FAO, CONCERN, SOWEP, OCHA, CESVI, UNICEF, WFP Regional Emergency Preparedness, WHO, UNHAS, Save the Children, UNDP, ACF, Mercy USA, Islamic Relief

Action Points:

- The deadline for the receipt of Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for the June vessel is 31 May 2012.

Agenda:

1. Follow up on previous Action Points
2. Situation Update
 - General
 - Security
 - OCHA Access Unit
3. Logistics Cluster Operational Planning
4. CAP 2012 Mid-Year Review (MYR)
5. AOB

Follow-up on previous Action Points

- **Action Point:** The deadline for the receipt of Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for the June vessel is 31 May - **CMRs continue to be received for this voyage.**

Situation Update

General

- UNHCR has reported there are currently 19,000 people displaced in Somalia. An increase in the influx of Internally Displaced People (IDP) into Mogadishu and Afgoye town has been observed, and is expected to continue, as a result of the ongoing offensive in the Afgoye corridor.
- The rainfall forecast for the coming week predicts light to moderate rains within the Shabelle and Juba basins, both in Ethiopia and Somalia. A minimal risk of flooding is projected during the coming week along the Juba River. Following the reduction of rains within the Shabelle basin and the current decreasing river levels, there is also minimal risk of flooding along the Shabelle in the coming week.
- The discussion among Elders on the draft new constitution and election of the National Constituent Assembly has been on-going in Mogadishu. In addition Somali leaders have met in Addis Ababa to decide on the timetable for the constitution process, and the election of parliament and president.
- The latest Physical Road Conditions Map was shared with participants, available at: www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/somalia-physical-road-conditions/geographicmap_view. Participants were requested to share any comments and updates on road conditions.

Security

- The latest security situation in Somalia was discussed by participants.

OCHA Access Unit

- A new Access Unit has been created in OCHA Somalia. The Access Unit representative gave a presentation on the challenges of access in Somalia and how the Access Unit could assist.
- OCHA is collecting information based on the platform Access Monitoring and Reporting Framework (AMRF), and producing an Access Map together with the NGO Safety Program (NSP). An improved version of the map is currently being developed.
- The Access Unit also provides support to NGOs based on demand.
- The entire presentation can be provided by the Logistics cluster upon request and the Access Unit can be contacted for further information at: fischerk@un.org

Air

- There have been a number of recent official communications on Hargeisa Airport. The final confirmation is as follows:
 - Hargeisa airport is closed for upgrades and rehabilitation until 01 November, and only smaller aircraft will be able to land on a gravel airfield next to Hargeisa airport. For UNHAS, passengers from Nairobi to Bossaso, Galkayo, and Garrowe will now land in Berbera and then connect to Puntland as per the revised flight schedule effective 21 May. Interested organisations may contact the Logistics cluster for the updated UNHAS schedule.
- Regarding a question on potential UNHAS flights from Mogadishu to other locations in Somalia (without going via Nairobi), UNHAS stated that this is being planned and will provide updates soon (Further details can be obtained by contacting the Logistics Cluster and/or UNHAS).
- UNDSS informed participants on possibilities for flying with them in South-Central Somalia and participants were advised that further information on aircraft operators to Somalia could be obtained by contacting the Logistics Cluster, which is currently consolidating a database of operators.

Ports

- At Mombasa Port, the bulk and container terminals are free of congestion. Berthing is immediate and this is expected to continue for the next two weeks. The conventional terminal has an average waiting time of one day at present. The weather is unpredictable, with some rainfall reported, leading to delays in loading and discharge of cargo.
- Bossaso Port is busy, but not congested. Several dhows are at berth, discharging cargo. Berthing priority continues to be on a first-come, first-berthed basis.
- Berbera Port is not congested. One vessel with general cargo is at berth, discharging. Two livestock vessels are at anchorage, waiting for livestock readiness. Container vessels get priority berthing, unless the port is extremely congested.
- Mogadishu Port is busy but not congested. Humanitarian cargo vessels continue to be granted priority berthing.
- Djibouti Port's bulk terminal remains congested, however the level of congestion has decreased. Presently, several vessels with fertiliser cargo are at berth.
- At Dar Es Salaam Port presently, all berths are congested. Car-carriers have full berthing priority. The weather remains unpredictable, with rainfall experienced. This condition is expected to hold as Dar's rainy season is currently underway. A snapshot overview of Dar Es Salaam Port was recently published on the Logistics Cluster website. The major operation ports in the Horn of Africa region have now been covered and organisations may find overviews of these ports at the Logistics Cluster website, under 'Snapshots': <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/docs?doctype=Snapshot>

Logistics Cluster Operational Planning

Shipping

- The May Logistics Cluster-coordinated vessel discharged all cargo in Mogadishu (Over 120 mt for six organisations), and is now en route to Bossaso, with cargo for one organisation.
- The next voyage from Mombasa to Mogadishu is scheduled for end-June. The deadline for the receipt of CMRs for this voyage has been extended to 31 May. For organisations with cargo for Bossaso and Berbera, there is an opportunity to go to these ports. However, this will depend on the amount of bookings made. This will be the last voyage under the free common shipping service. Subsequently, there is a possibility of cost-recovery shipping on a bilateral basis with WFP, depending on need.
- Overall, the Logistics Cluster has transported over 2,220 mt of humanitarian cargo to Somalia on behalf of 19 individual organisations (14 INGOs and five UN agencies) since the start of shipping operations in September 2011.

Storage

- Five Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), 10 m X 32 m each, are in Mogadishu and are available for organisations for use in Somalia on a lease basis, free of charge. The organisations leasing the MSUs will be responsible for installing and managing the units themselves. Storage Standard Operating Procedures will soon be shared on the website. Interested organisations may contact the Logistics Cluster directly.

Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) – Mid Year Review (MYR) 2012

- At the previous Logistics Cluster Meeting on 11 May, participants endorsed the continuation and

- revision of the three logistics Projects for the Mid-Year Review (MYR) of the Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2012. The three projects endorsed are :
- Rehabilitation of Logistics Infrastructure in Somalia
 - Humanitarian Air Service in support of relief operations in Somalia
 - Logistics Cluster Augmentation in Response to the Somalia Crisis
- The UNHAS budget is increasing due to continued requirements, and the Logistics Cluster Augmentation budget has decreased due to the closing out of the free shipping service by 01 July. Storage (via the offered Mobile Storage Units), Coordination, and Information Management services will continue until end-2012.
 - Organisations interested in the details of these projects may contact the Logistics Cluster.

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