

MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

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Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: Logistics Cluster, NRC, FAO, MERLIN, WHO

Action Points:

- In the next meeting, the Logistics Cluster will brief participants on procedures for a bilateral cost-recovery shipping service.

Agenda:

1. Follow-up on previous Action Points
2. Situation Update
 - General
 - Security
 - Ports Situation
3. Logistics Cluster Operational Planning
4. AOB

1. Follow-up on previous Action Points

- [Action Point from the previous Logistics Cluster meeting: The deadline for the receipt of Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for the June vessel is 31 May] - CMRs have been received. In terms of volume, this will be the highest amount of cargo transported so far. The estimated time- frame for the loading of the vessel is 21 to 27 June. Currently, as the number of bookings for Bossaso and Berbera are low. It is forecasted that the complete voyage Mombasa- Mogadishu will be followed by a separate voyage from Mombasa to Bossaso and Berbera. Further details will be available during the coming week.

2. Situation Update

General

- On 6 June Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) was closed for 9 hours due to a disabled aircraft on the runway. The runway was cleared the same day, and no UNHAS flights was affected.
- During the month of May, as per UNHCR data, 39,000 persons were reportedly displaced in Somalia.. From 01 to 08 June 3,200 people have been displaced.
- From 31 May to 01 June the Second Istanbul conference on Somalia was held covering political, security and development issues, including roads & Infrastructure.
- On 02 June flooding was reported on the road to Aw Barkhadle village (30 km east of Hargeisa). A commercial truck was swept by floodwater from the seasonal river. Caution is advised for vehicles using this route. During the month of May, Gosol village, north of Galkayo (Harfo District), also experienced flooding, causing displacements and destruction of property.
- The Gu 2012 rainy season is coming to an end in most parts of Somalia. The latest reports from the field indicate that observed river levels on the Juba and Shabelle Rivers have remained stable over the last two weeks and are slightly below average levels for this time of the year.. The rainfall forecast for the coming two weeks does not show any indication of significant rainfall activities in the country.
- The Somalia Logistics Cluster Physical Road Network Conditions Map continues to be updated during the rainy season and is available on www.logcluster.org.
- The Logistics Cluster participated in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) Somalia Civil-Military Working Group on 4 June. Discussions fed into the development of Civil-Military guidelines, participants can provide their inputs through the Logistics Cluster.

Security

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

Ports Situation

- Dar Es Salaam Port – The port is currently congested. There are currently 19 vessels outside the port (six general cargo, 13 container vessels). Car-carriers have full berthing priority. Rehabilitation works are still underway at the container terminal. 14 vessels are expected during the current week.
- Mombasa Port – Both the conventional and container terminal berths are now congested. There are three vessels waiting to berth (two general cargo and one container cargo vessel).
- Mogadishu Port – The port is not congested. One vessel and three dhows are at berth. Bulk cargo facilities have been installed by a private company (two mobile bagging units, each with 1,000 mt bagging capacity per day).
- Bossaso Port – There is no congestion. One commercial vessel is waiting to berth. Berthing is on a first come, first-berthed basis.
- Berbera Port – The port is not congested. Berthing priority is granted to humanitarian and container vessels. The port is not congested. There are two vessels (one humanitarian and one commercial) and five dhows at berth. There are four livestock vessels and five dhows at anchorage waiting for livestock readiness. A participant requested information from the group on their experiences with customs processes at Berbera Port. One organisation stated that currently procedures are very slow and it can even take up to two weeks for a shipment to be cleared. To promptly clear cargo is best to have staff on the ground, instead of relying on brokers.
- Djibouti Port – The congestion at the port's bulk terminal has decreased. There are currently two vessels with bulk cargo (fertilizer) at the port.

3. Logistics Cluster Operational Planning

Shipping

- The monthly Logistics Cluster-coordinated vessel for May transported over 127 mt of relief cargo to Mogadishu and Bossaso on behalf of six humanitarian organisations (three INGOs and three UN Agencies). The cargo included shelter items, agricultural equipment, WASH items, office equipment, and medicines.
The next voyage from Mombasa to Mogadishu (potentially also calling on Bossaso and Berbera Ports) is tentatively scheduled for end-June. The deadline for the receipt of Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for this voyage was 31 May. Although the CMR deadline has passed, should any organisation have additional cargo ready for this journey, they should contact the Logistics Cluster ASAP for consideration pending available space. This will be the final voyage under the Logistics Cluster's free common shipping service. After the end of this service, a bilateral cost-recovery service could be utilised, based on demand.
- 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.
- In the next meeting, the Logistics Cluster will schedule a briefing on possible procedures for a bilateral cost-recovery mechanism. This will involve framework agreements between individual agencies and WFP, Pro-forma Invoices, Service Level Agreements (SLAs) etc. There may also be a new Cargo Movement Request (CMR) form if the cost-recovery service is initiated.

Air Transport

- In May, in support of the humanitarian response, UNHAS transported 2,245 passengers to locations in Somalia.
- As per request from the user community, UNHAS is launching a service connecting Somaliland and Puntland with Mogadishu:
 - o The routing (pending demand) will be Hargeisa - Garowe - Galkayo - Mogadishu and back to Hargeisa using the same routing. The service will commence on 06 June 2012, to be run on a trial basis once a week on Wednesdays. An evaluation will take place after the initial one month trial period to determine the continuity and the best way to conduct the flight. The Logistics Cluster can be contacted for further information.
- The new UNHAS schedule has been circulated amongst organisations' focal points.
- As mentioned in the previous meeting, UNDSS is conducting flights in South Central Somalia. Organisations interested to join the assessments, can contact the Logistics Cluster for the relevant contact information.
- The Logistics Cluster is compiling updated information on air transporters for transport of humanitarian cargo to Somalia, once complete the list will be shared amongst participants.

Storage

- Five Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), 10 m X 32 m each, are in Mogadishu and remain 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 (SOPs) will be shared on the website soon. Interested organisations may contact the Logistics Cluster directly.

4. AOB

- The consolidated inputs from the Logistics Cluster to the Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) Mid-Year Review (MYR) have been submitted to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- The shipping workshop in Mombasa, initially planned for June, has been postponed to autumn. The main agenda items, as per participants' requests are port activities, the actors involved, roles of shipping agents, Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) Agents, potential move to cost recovery, etc.

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