

MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

20 July 2012

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: ACF, ADESO, ADRA, CESVI, Concern, FAO, Future for African Women, IMC, MERLIN, NCA, OCHA, UNHCR, USAID/OFDA, WFP

- Action Points:**
- The Logistics Cluster will follow up with UNHAS on the current situation on the ground at Hargeisa Airport and information related to air operators with scheduled flights.
 - The Logistics Cluster will follow up with a detailed report on the free-to-user shipping service, including MT and m³ figures by month and by organization.
 - Additional information covering the specific benefits of the time-charter vessel will be collected and the report shared with partners upon completion for comments and input prior to publication.

Agenda:

1. Follow up on previous Action Points
2. Situation Update
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 - Shipping
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4. Bilateral Cost-Recovery Shipping Service
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Follow-up on previous Action Points

- **[The Logistics Cluster will follow up with regularly updating the Physical Road Conditions map outside of the rainy season.]** – To be updated monthly, current revision in process. Participants can contact Logistics Cluster IM after 15:00 hrs for daily reports on port status if required.
- **[The Logistics Cluster will follow up on the current situation on the ground at Hargeisa Airport and information related to air operators with scheduled flights.]** – The Logistics Cluster has checked with both Ethiopian Airlines and UNHAS; however, no additional information has been received. The Logistics Cluster will follow-up with UNHAS in the coming week; any information obtained will be shared with partners.
- **[The Logistics Cluster will follow up with WFP shipping concerning rates for the Bilateral Cost-Recovery shipping service.]** – Complete: rate information communicated bilaterally.
- **[The Logistics Cluster will distribute the documents required for accessing the Bilateral Cost-Recovery shipping service online.]** – Pending final review of the SOPs, these documents will be shared via the logistics cluster website.

Situation Update

General

- During the month of June, UNHCR figures show that approximately 15,000 persons were displaced in Somalia. Initial estimates for July show 4,400 persons displaced so far.
- As of July 2012, UNHCR estimates that an IDP population of 184,400 is currently residing in Mogadishu, but that the majority of these persons (55%) arrived between 8 and 14 months ago.

Security

- Participants discussed the current security situation in Somalia.

Ports

- Dar Es Salaam – The port is congested: 6 vessels at berth, 10 vessels at anchorage, 10 vessels are expected to arrive this week. Humanitarian vessels and car-carriers continue to be given berthing

priority. The weather is unpredictable at present.

- Mombasa – Mombasa port is not congested, both bulk and general terminals are free: 1 vessel waiting at anchorage for container terminal, 1 bulk cargo vessel is expected in the coming days. Some rain has been reported.
- Mogadishu – The port is congested: 2 vessels and 1 dhow at berth. Humanitarian vessels continue to receive priority berthing. Strong winds have been reported.
- Bossaso –As of COB 18 July 2012 the port was congested due to high seas, and resulting difficulties in berthing. Berthing priority is based on first come first serve basis, though livestock and cement cargo vessels are given priority.
- Berbera –As of COB 18 July 2012 the port was congested: 1 vessels and 5 dhows at berth, 3 vessels and 4 dhows at anchorage. Berthing priority continues to be given to containerised and humanitarian cargo.
- Djibouti – No detailed port situation report received this week.

Roads

- The updated Physical Road Conditions Map can be viewed at:
<http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/somalia-physical-road-conditions>

Logistics Cluster Operational Planning

Shipping

- The last cargo accepted under the free-to-user shipping service, and shut-out of the last vessel due to insufficient available capacity, has been loaded and departed Mombasa yesterday afternoon.
- For future movement of humanitarian cargo, space is available on a cost recovery basis via a bilateral shipping service offered by WFP.
- Overall, the Logistics Cluster has transported over 2,400 MT (More than 8,000 m³) of humanitarian cargo to Somalia on behalf of 24 individual organizations (19 I/NGOs and 5 UN agencies) since the start of shipping operations in September 2011.
- Participants requested more information concerning the overall statistics for the free-to-user shipping service. Particular interest was expressed in details to help evaluate the cost efficiency and overall effectiveness of the operation and any specific benefits that were offered by the coordinating the Logistics Cluster service through WFP and the decision to use a time-charter, as opposed to a voyage-charter vessel.
- The Logistics Cluster will follow up with a detailed report on usage, including MT and m³ figures by month and by organization. Narrative elements of a Lessons Learned report will be drafted, and partners will be given the opportunity to provide input on, and comment on the report prior to publication.

Air Transport

- Participants were provided with an updated UNHAS schedule.
- Participants discussed problems with billing and customs clearance related to air transport into Somalia, specifically related to airway bills. Cargo tracking has also been an issue.

Storage

- 5 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) remain available in Mogadishu to organizations for use in Somalia on a lease basis, free of charge. The organizations leasing the MSUs will be responsible for transporting the MSUs to their final destinations, and installing and managing the units themselves. Interested organizations should contact the Logistics Cluster directly.

Bilateral Cost-Recovery Shipping Service

- WFP Shipping provided an update on the first Bilateral Cost-Recovery voyage; currently the vessel is en-route to Mogadishu carrying cargo on behalf of 5 humanitarian organisations for discharge in Mogadishu, Berbera, and Bossaso.
- Participants were briefed on the process leading up to loading of the vessel, on the methods of loading, and the requisite packaging needed to protect the consignments from both the moisture of the environment and from other cargo in the hold of the vessel.
- Participants were reminded to work closely with their Clearing & Forwarding Agents to ensure that cargo is packaged in an appropriate manner; both to facilitate loading, and ensure that the cargo is protected during transport.
- More information on this cost-recovery shipping service can be obtained by contacting WFP at somalia.cargobooking@wfp.org, or the Logistics Cluster.

AOB

- Partners inquired about the Logistics Cluster's contingency planning for southern Somalia. The Logistics Cluster Coordinator responded that the contingency for storage will remain in place in Mogadishu with the possibility to augment the existing capacity if required. Details from partners were requested concerning the level of contingency planning currently underway in their organisations.
- UNHCR requested support from partners concerning a need for storage; the Logistics Cluster Coordinator will follow up bilaterally.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator will depart tomorrow, 21 July 2012; his replacement has already been identified and is expected to arrive in the coming weeks. The Logistics Cluster IM officer will act as interim Coordinator in the meantime.
- The next Logistics Cluster meeting will be held on Friday, 03 August 2012.

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