

## MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

11 May 2012

**Chair:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator

**Participants:** Logistics Cluster, FAO, Save the Children, UNHAS, WFP, NRC, Muslim Aid, ADRA, UNDP, ACF

**Action Points:**

- Deadline for submission of Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for the Logistics Cluster-coordinated vessel scheduled to depart in June is 31 May 2012.

### Agenda:

1. Follow up on previous Action Points
2. Situation Update
  - General
  - Security
  - Port Situations and Access
3. Logistics Cluster Operational Planning
4. Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) 2012 Mid-Year Review (MYR)
5. AOB

### Follow-up on previous Action Points

- **Action Point - The Logistics Cluster will share further updates on the planned Shipping Workshop as soon as they are available:** The workshop is planned to be held at the end of June, coinciding with the berthing of the Logistics Cluster-coordinated vessel. Organisations were asked to arrange their own travel/accommodation to Mombasa. A preliminary agenda will be shared shortly. Organisations interested in attending should contact the Logistics Cluster. Further updates will be shared as available.

### Situation Update

#### General

- As per UNHCR data, during the month of April, 33,000 persons were reportedly displaced in Somalia and from 01 to 10 May 2012 there have been 5,100 persons displaced.
- An Elders meeting (between 135 traditional clan elders from across Somalia) is currently underway in Mogadishu to discuss the new draft constitution. Due to security measures and limited availability of convoys, at present road movements for UN staff in Mogadishu have been restricted.
- Official notification has been received that Hargeisa airport will close from 21 May to 01 November for upgrades and rehabilitation. While all larger aircraft will be diverted to Berbera Airport, smaller aircraft will be able to land on a gravel airfield next to Hargeisa airport. As a result, UNHAS will adjust its operations as following:
  - The Dash 8 aircraft, able to land on the gravel runway, will be utilised for the Nairobi-Hargeisa-Nairobi air route. Due to the extra time utilised by the Dash 8 on this route, day missions to Hargeisa will not be feasible.
  - Passengers travelling from Nairobi to Bossaso, Galkayo, and Garowe will land in Berbera and then connect to Puntland.
- Due to heavy rains the Dolo Ado airstrip (Ethiopia) was reported to be intermittently closed. Access is expected to remain a challenge throughout the rainy season.
- Somalia Water and Land Information Management (SWALIM) has forecast moderate to heavy rains in Juba and Shabelle catchments, both in Ethiopia and Somalia. Due to the weak river embankments around Shabelle area there is a likelihood of localised flooding during the forecast period. There is no foreseen risk of flooding along Juba during this period.
- The latest Physical Road Conditions Map was shared with participants and is available at: [www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/somalia-physical-road-conditions/geographicmap\\_view](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/somalia-physical-road-conditions/geographicmap_view). Participants were requested to share any comments and updates on road conditions.

## Ports Situation and Access

- Mogadishu Port is busy but not congested. Humanitarian cargo vessels continue to be granted priority berthing.
- Mombasa Port's conventional terminal is not congested. Both bulk and container terminals are congested. The waiting time at the bulk terminal is two days, while the average waiting time for the container terminal is six days. Some rainfall has been experienced.
- Bossaso Port is busy. Two livestock vessels are at anchorage, waiting to berth. Berthing priority continues to be on a first-come, first-berthed basis.
- Berbera Port is not congested. Several dhows are at berth, discharging. Four livestock vessels are at anchorage waiting for livestock readiness. Container vessels get priority berthing, unless the port is extremely congested.
- Djibouti Port's bulk terminal remains congested. Currently, four vessels with bulk cargo are at berth, while four others are at anchorage, waiting to berth. More bulk cargo vessels are expected this week. Challenges continue as most available trucks are being used at the bulk terminal.
- At Dar Es Salaam Port all berths are congested. Car-carriers have full berthing priority. As the rainy season is underway, the weather remains unpredictable.

## Logistics Cluster Operational Planning

### Shipping

- The vessel, which departed from Mombasa on 25 April, reached Mogadishu on 27 April and discharged all cargo (420 mt of humanitarian cargo). Volume-wise (above 1,900 m<sup>3</sup>) this was the largest shipment to date. Cargo onboard included: shelter items, WASH items, agricultural/livestock tools, office equipment, a vehicle, and mixed food.
- Information has been received that some cargo was damaged; a few discrepancies between Non-negotiable Cargo Receipts (NNCRs) and final items received were reported. The Cluster is looking into the matter and will respond shortly to the relevant users.
- The May Logistics Cluster-coordinated vessel is currently in Mombasa and has begun loading humanitarian cargo for onward transport to Mogadishu. The estimated date of sailing is 15 May. The vessel is expected in Mogadishu on 17 May.
- The next voyage from Mombasa to Mogadishu is scheduled for end-June. **The deadline for the receipt of the Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for this voyage has been extended to 31 May. This will be the last voyage under the free common shipping service. Subsequently, if required, the service could be conducted on a cost-recovery basis.**
- Since the start of shipping operations in September 2011, the Logistics Cluster has transported over 2,100 mt of humanitarian cargo to Somalia on behalf of 19 individual organisations (14 INGOs and 5 UN agencies).

### Storage

- 5 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 (SOPs) will be shared on the Logistics Cluster website shortly. Interested organisations should contact the Logistics Cluster.

## Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) – Mid Year Review (MYR) 2012

- The Logistics Cluster introduced the CAP MYR 2012 which is currently underway and provided brief summaries for each of the projects included under the CAP; Rehabilitation of Logistics Infrastructure, Humanitarian Air Service, and the Logistics Cluster Augmentation of the response operation. Overall, the requirements have increased mostly due to UNHAS requirements.
- After the presentations, the Logistics Cluster participants endorsed the continuation and revision of these 3 Logistics Projects for the Mid-Year Review (MYR) of the CAP 2012:

### Rehabilitation of Logistics Infrastructure

- The Rehabilitation Project has been in place since 2007.
- The Project improved logistical capacity of Mogadishu and Bossaso ports, as well as undertaking rehabilitation work at key sections of the road network.
- Contingency repairs to storage and training facilities were brought forward.
- Navigation aids were installed in Mogadishu port to control movements of vessels, tug boats, etc.

## UNHAS

- Between 01 January and 30 April 2012, 7,200 passengers and 79 mt of light cargo have been transported. UNHAS has also started air operations to Abudawaq and Beletweyn, and is conducting regular flights to Dolo.
- UNHAS will be able to sustain operations till mid-June thanks to the implemented cost recovery system. Efforts are being made to secure further funding so as not to scale down activities.
- In order to operate in new locations (e.g . Abudawaq and Beletweyn) UNHAS has asked for volunteer logistical support from organisations already operating in the area.

## Logistics Cluster

- From 01 January to 30 April 2012, the Logistics Cluster has provided these services:
  - Transported 1,097 mt of cargo to Mogadishu on behalf of 18 humanitarian organisations (14 INGOs, 4 UN Agencies).
  - Made available Five Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) in Mogadishu to the humanitarian community in various locations across Somalia.
  - Held 10 coordination meetings in Nairobi since January, with over 30 individual organisations participating.
  - Shared and produced over 30 logistics information products on the Logistics Cluster website, including situation reports, snapshots of key logistics infrastructure, procedures, and mapping products during the rainy season.
- Future activities for 2012 will include:
  - Free common shipping service until 01 July 2012.
  - Continuing coordination and information management services until end-2012.
  - Additional MSUs will be ordered based on needs.

## AOB

- A follow-up to the recent London Conference in Somalia will be held in Istanbul, looking at development and infrastructure needs.
- To better coordinate and reduce duplications, participants engaging in infrastructure activities were encouraged to share information regarding rehabilitation projects.
- The Logistics Cluster will participate in a civil-military working group established by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) to discuss more detailed guidelines. Any input is welcome.
- A partner organisation is consolidating a list of commercial air transport providers. The Logistics Cluster and UNHAS provided inputs for Baidoa and will support the organisation in further consolidating the list.

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