

Meeting Minutes of Somalia Logistics Cluster

Nairobi, Kenya
1 March 2007 – 14:30 hours



Venue: SSS Office, Kalson Tower

Participants: ACF, Oxfam, SAF, Save the Children, SWRDA, World Vision, DFID, USAID, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP (*see attached attendance record*)

I. ISSUES DISCUSSED:

1. Security Briefing by NGO-SPAS

- While the political discussions between the government and the Electoral Commission continue to create tension in Somaliland, seasonal fighting over resources on the Ethiopian side of Somaliland has died down.
- During the reporting period, a WFP-contracted ship had been hijacked off the coast of Puntland on its way back empty to Mombasa.
- In Garowe, a shoot-out at the prison take place yesterday, setting all prisoners free. During the shoot-out an unoccupied NGO vehicle was shot at as well.
- Heavy fighting of two-sub clans on the Ethiopian side on a continued issued from last year is causing concern for a possible spill-over effect on Beletweyn.
- In Lower Shabelle on the Mogadishu-Afgoy-Merka road incidents continue to be reported.
- In Johwar tension continues to be reported around checkpoints there.
- A pre-deployment of 30 Ugandan AU troops arrived in Mogadishu. Two battalions (1500 troops) are expected to arrive this week.

2. Review of Last Meeting Minutes, 22 February 07

a. Circulation of updated Logistics Cluster work plan

The updated Logistics Cluster work plan was circulated to Logistics Cluster participants earlier in the week. A discussion on the way forward on some of the activities that the Cluster will be working on this year was carried out under agenda item 4 below.

b. Update on repair works at Beletweyn airstrip

Save the Children updated on repair works at Beletweyn airstrip. The community has been mobilized and work is expected to start on the weekend. Works are scheduled to be completed within a week.

3. Update on Border Closure

The Chair informed that 27 WFP-contracted trucks had passed the border at El Wak in the morning with 971mt of food for Gedo. CARE is planning crossing in Mandera in the coming days. UNICEF informed that their trucks have still not crossed at Mandera.

4. Cluster Work Plan

Participants reviewed the Cluster work plan, which a working group had updated. Apart from regular activities that are being carried out, the group had identified three areas that needed further investigation and work by the Logistics Cluster. These are:

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Review carried out of pooling needs of cluster members, options available, and recommendations for improvement of available pooling mechanisms

2.1.3

In order to increase local procurement for cost efficiency, attempt to collect local supplier information

3.1.1

Review of areas of logistics concern, baseline information available, and any information gaps that result in bottlenecks, delays, inefficient logistics operations

In order to address these three areas, three e-working groups were established that are expected to report back at the next meeting in two weeks time on first findings and way-forward. Participating organizations of these groups are:

1. Review of pooling needs	Save the Children, UNFPA, WFP
2. Information on local suppliers	World Vision, UNICEF, OCHA
3. Review of logistics information and gaps	World Vision, WFP

Action Point: Chair to facilitate the establishment of the e-working groups.

5. Pipeline Tracking

Updating of the Pipeline Tracking Sheet was carried out with inputs from participants received.

6. Logistics Cluster Website www.logisticscluster.org

The Chair shared some user information of the Logistics Cluster website and suggested that the e-working group on "Review of logistics information and gaps" may also wish to

have a look at the website following their findings to identify areas that may not be adequately covered on the website.

The Chair also informed that construction works will be carried out on the website. WFP was waiting for details from Rome to be shared with Cluster members.

<u>Action Point:</u>	a)	Chair to circulate by email information on website use.
	b)	Chair to circulate information on website construction work once received from WFP Rome.

III. AoB

- UNFPA informed that it was seeking advice on how to transport some 3mt of health equipment to Bardera. OCHA informed that SADO and NCA were working in that area and that they would forward contact information for both organisations to UNFPA.

<u>Action Point:</u>	OCHA to forward SADO and NCA contact information to UNFPA.
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- The group reviewed the frequency of the Cluster meetings and decided to change it from weekly to fortnightly meetings. Thus, the next meeting will take place on 15 March 2007.

IV. HANDOUTS

- Meeting Minutes, 22 February 2007
- Somalia Logistics Cluster Workplan, January – December 2007
- Security Council Resolution 1744

The next Somalia Logistics Cluster will take place on Thursday, 15 March 2007, at 14:30hrs, at Kalsion Towers, Somalia Support Secretariat.