

## MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

27 April 2012

**Chair:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator

**Participants:** Logistics Cluster, MERLIN, Save the Children, Mercy USA, Somalia Aid Foundation (SAF), UNOPS/UNMAS, OCHA Somalia, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

**Action Points:**

- The Logistics Cluster will share further updates on the planned Shipping Workshop as soon as they are available.

### Agenda:

1. Follow-up on Action Points
2. Situation Update
  - General
  - Security
  - Port Situations and Access
3. Logistics Cluster Operational Planning
4. AOB

### Follow-up on Action Points

- Action Point from 13 April - The Logistics Cluster will re-circulate the link for the User Survey.
  - The User Survey link was re-sent to the group. 14 organisations (10 INGOs, and 4 UN agencies) have responded. The Draft Survey Results were presented at the meeting (See 'AOB' section for more details).
- Action Point from 13 April - Storage Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be shared on the website, after discussions with the user group.
  - The Logistics Cluster will finalise the SOPs with the User Group before posting on the website. Organisations with urgent requirements should contact the Logistics Cluster directly.
- Action Point from 13 April - Organisations interested in sharing space in Mogadishu, Hargeisa, Berbera, Bossaso, Galkayo may contact the Logistics Cluster for bilateral discussions with the relevant organisation.
  - The Logistics Cluster has put two organisations in touch regarding shared Mogadishu storage. Organisations interested in sharing storage space with other participants are encouraged to contact the Logistics Cluster.

### Situation Update

#### General

- So far in April, 30,000 persons have been reportedly displaced in Somalia (source: <http://data.unhcr.org/horn-of-africa/somalia.php>)
- OCHA provided a brief overview of the Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP), including the 2012 mid-year review (MYR). The details of the CAP 2012 MYR, including deadlines, can be found on the OCHA website: <http://ochaonline.un.org/somalia/cap2012>
- Planned changes for the 3 Logistics Cluster's projects in the CAP 2012 includes:
  - The UNHAS Project budget will be revised upwards.
  - The Logistics Cluster augmentation project budget will be revised slightly downwards.
  - The current Port Rehabilitation project will end mid-2012, but a new similar project will be launched to replace the previous one.
- The Logistics Cluster will keep participants informed on any project revisions for the CAP MYR process. No other logistics projects have been put forward for inclusion in the CAP 2012 MYR; if no feedback is received ASAP on new projects, the Logistics Cluster will proceed with inclusion of the projects mentioned above.

- Somalia Water and Land Information Management (SWALIM) has reported recent rainfall in various parts of Somalia. Moderately heavy rainfall is expected on the Ethiopian highlands and most parts of Somalia, except for the coastal areas. SWALIM will be offering 3 and 7 day forecasts throughout the rainy season. Participants who wish to be included on SWALIM's mailing list are encouraged to visit the website and contact SWALIM directly: <http://www.faoswalim.org/>
- The updated Road Network Conditions Map was distributed amongst participants, also available at: (<http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/somalia-physical-road-conditions>). Logistics Cluster will regularly update and disseminate the map during the rainy season and would welcome any feedback and inputs on road conditions from participants.

### Ports Situation and Access

- There are plans for Hargeisa airport to close down in the month of May, for approximately 6 months in order to upgrade the airport (Official notification will soon be communicated by the Airport authorities). All larger aircraft will not be able to land during this time period (may be diverted to Berbera Airport). However, smaller aircraft will be able to land on a gravel airfield next to Hargeisa airport. The Logistics Cluster will provide an update once official information is available. Any changes to the UNHAS schedule will be informed shortly.
- As of the latest information, the airport is expected to close down in the first week of May. Other operators (besides UNHAS) may also have to adjust their schedules/locations due to this closure.
- At Dar Es Salaam Port, all berths are presently congested. Car-carriers have full berthing priority. The weather remains unpredictable, with rainfall experienced. This condition is expected to hold for the near future as Dar's rainy season is currently underway.
- Mombasa Port's bulk and conventional terminals are not congested. Presently, there are no waiting vessels at the bulk terminal, and only one vessel waiting at the conventional terminal. In the next 2 weeks, the waiting time at both terminals is estimated to average 2 days. The container terminal is still congested, however with a reduced waiting time of 2 days, which is expected to hold for the next 2 weeks. Due to the Port Authority's reduction in the free period for containerised cargo at the port, as well as slow customs procedures, cargo movement is currently a challenge. The labour dispute with the port authorities continues. The weather is unpredictable, with some rainfall experienced. A Mombasa Port Snapshot Overview is now available on the website (<http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/snapshot-mombasa-port-120418/view>). Participants were requested to share feedback on the information, in order to improve the practical usability of future snapshot overviews on logistics infrastructure.
- Mogadishu Port is not congested. 2 vessels and one dhow are at berth. There are no vessels waiting to secure berth. Humanitarian cargo vessels are granted priority berthing. Bossaso Port is congested. One vessel is at berth discharging cement. 2 vessels (one cement and one humanitarian) are at anchorage. Berthing priority is on first-come, first-berthed basis.
- Berbera Port is not congested. 2 vessels and 4 dhows with general cargo are at berth. 7 livestock vessels are at anchorage waiting for livestock readiness. Container vessels get priority berthing, unless the port is extremely congested. The weather is good.
- Djibouti Port's bulk terminal remains congested. Currently, 6 vessels with bulk cargo are at berth, while 5 others are at anchorage, waiting to berth. More bulk cargo vessels are expected this week. Shunting challenges are also being experienced as most available trucks are being used at the bulk terminal.

### Logistics Cluster Operational Planning

#### Shipping

- The latest Logistics Cluster-coordinated vessel sailed from Mombasa for Mogadishu on 25 April. Over 420 mt of humanitarian cargo was transported. Volume-wise (over 1,900 m<sup>3</sup>) this is the largest shipment to date.
- There were a few issues during loading:
  - The loading of the WFP food items was quicker than planned and the estimated time of loading for logistics cluster booked cargo therefore had to be revised a few times. However, constant updates were given to the Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) agents and clients in order to adjust to the changes.
  - One organisation was unable to bring its cargo quay-side on-time for loading. The Logistics Cluster recommended that organisations bring their cargo to Mombasa a few days early (even if they have to incur some storage charges for this) as this would reduce the risk of missing the vessel.

- For one organisation, there was a discrepancy between the information (description of items) on the Cargo Movement Request (CMR) and the actual cargo quay-side. This was loaded for this voyage, however in the future, if the cargo does not match the CMR description it will be rejected as there is a risk of taking extra space meant for another organisation.
- One C&F agent had not completed its paper work in time, which led to delays in the loading process. It was pointed out that the time-charter vessel has a high daily rate, and keeping it idle is expensive and delays the sailing. As per the SOPs, clients could be charged for these costs should there be delays related to their cargo.
- The Logistics Cluster apologised for the delay in sending out the Non-Negotiable Cargo Receipts (NNCRs) out. There have been revisions to the initial NNCRs and the revised versions were therefore sent out with a day's delay. The vessel is expected to berth at Mogadishu on 27 April.
- The next voyage from Mombasa to Mogadishu is tentatively scheduled for the second half of May. The deadline for the receipt of CMRs for this voyage is 07 May. The estimated arrival in Mombasa is 20/21 May. This will likely be the second-to-last voyage under the current free shipping service (which ends on 1 July). The final voyage is scheduled for June.
- Overall, 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) since the start of shipping operations in September 2011.

### Storage

- 5 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), 10 m X 32 m each, are available in Mogadishu 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 SOPs will soon be shared on the website.

### AOB

- **User Survey** - The user survey link is now closed. 14 organisations (10 INGOs, 4 UN Agencies) responded to the survey. The Logistics Cluster presented a broad analysis of the feedback, which was very positive overall.
- **UNHAS** - The UNHAS operation continues to face large shortfalls in funding, with current funds projected to end in mid-May 2012. The Logistics Cluster has submitted a Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) Emergency Response Fund Application.
- **Shipping workshop in Mombasa** - The workshop is now tentatively scheduled for end-May. This should be in the period when the vessel for May has berthed. Organisations will have to arrange their own travel/accommodation to Mombasa. A preliminary agenda will be shared shortly. The workshop will include an overview of the port, the main actors, best practices etc, and is expected to last for 1-2 days.

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