

MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

07 August 2012

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: Logistics Cluster, COOPI, Future for the African Woman, MERLIN, OXFAM, UNDP, UNHCR, UNMAS, WFP, WHO

- Action Points:**
- The Logistics Cluster will finalise and share the Common Services Survey for feedback from participants.
 - Participants will discuss Contingency Planning with respect to the upcoming elections (both Kenya and Somalia) in the next meeting

Agenda:

1. Follow up on previous Action Points
2. Situation Update
 - General/Security/Access
3. Logistics Cluster Services Evaluation
4. WFP Bilateral Shipping Services Update
5. AOB

Follow-up on previous 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:**
 - UNHAS has confirmed that there are currently no commercial flights into Hargeisa.
- **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 organisation:**
 - A cargo report is now available on the Somalia Logistics Cluster website. A summary was provided to partners in the meeting.
- **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:**
 - A Draft User Survey was shared and discussed with participants at the meeting.

Situation Update

General

- During the month of July, UNHCR figures show that approximately 9,000 persons were displaced in Somalia, primarily into Afmadow, Ceel Waq and Bardhere. As of July 2012, UNHCR estimates that an Internally Displaced People (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.
- Participants also discussed the importance of risk mitigation measures that could be explored in order to overcome access difficulties where possible.
- One suggestion for organisations facing transport security risks was to place the responsibility for lost/damaged goods on the forwarder in transport contracts. This mechanism has proved successful for organizations working in Somalia, and led to a reduction in loss of cargo.

Ports and Road Access

- Mogadishu Port - A new Port Manager has taken office in Mogadishu. For Port inquiries please contact: portmanager@mogadishuport.com. The port is congested at present, with 5 vessels and 1 dhow are at berth. Humanitarian vessels continue to receive priority berthing. Strong winds have been reported.
- Dar Es Salaam – The port is congested, with 4 vessels at berth and 13 vessels at anchorage. Humanitarian vessels and car-carriers continue to be given berthing priority. Rehabilitation works are on-going at Berth #10.
- Mombasa – Mombasa port is not congested, both bulk and general terminals are free.
- Bossaso – The port is not congested. 2 vessels and 4 dhows at berth, 1 vessel at anchorage. Berthing

priority is based on a first come first served basis, though livestock/cement cargo vessels are given priority.

- Berbera – The port is currently congested with 3 vessels and 4 dhows at berth, and 4 vessels at anchorage. Berthing priority continues to be given to containerized and humanitarian cargo.
- Djibouti – The port is busy but not congested. There are 9 vessels at berth, and 10 vessels at anchorage.

Roads

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

Logistics Cluster Services Evaluation

Lessons Learned from the Common Shipping Service/User Survey

- The Logistics Cluster shared a Draft User Survey with the group and participants discussed various aspects of the Free to User Shipping Services (September 2011 to July 2012), including the benefits of the service, as well as the main challenges encountered.
- A participant also inquired whether cold chain capacity could be made available for the transportation of medicines/drugs. The Logistics Cluster informed the group that the technical capacity to handle such cargo is not available.

Draft Report on Cargo Dispatched (October 2011 – July 2012)

- The Logistics Cluster shared a detailed report with participants on the usage of the free-to-user common shipping service, including mt and m³ figures by month and by organization. Narrative elements of a Lessons Learned report will be drafted, and partners will be able to provide input on, and comment on the report prior to publication.
- Overall, the Logistics Cluster has transported over 2,400 MT (More than 9,000 m³) of humanitarian cargo to Somalia on behalf of 24 individual organizations (19 INGOs and 5 UN agencies) since the start of shipping operations in September 2011.

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

- The free-to-user common shipping service ended in July, and a cost-recovery service provided by WFP Somalia has now begun.
- In order to utilize this service, organizations must sign Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with WFP first. The SLA does not oblige an organization to move cargo with WFP; it only sets up the framework so that an organization can move cargo with WFP if they choose to.
- The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the The Bilateral Cost-Recovery Shipping Service were handed out to participants. These and other relevant documents will be made available on the website.
- Currently the vessel is loading in Berbera Port. The vessel will sail to Djibouti, then Bossaso, Mogadishu, and Mombasa. **All documents and correspondence related to the bilateral cost recovery shipping service must be sent to somalia.cargobooking@wfp.org.** For further details, please contact the WFP Shipping Officer at michael.larkins@wfp.org
- The deadlines for the completion and submission of documents related to the next voyage are:
 - **Tuesday 14 August 2012 – Service Level Agreements (SLAs) signed and completed**
 - **Tuesday 21 August 2012 – Service Request Forms (SRFs) submitted**
 - **Tuesday 28 August 2012 – Pro-Forma Invoice sent out**
- The tentative ETA for the vessel in Mombasa is: 03 – 07 September
- WFP Shipping staff also emphasized the importance of payments being made on time by users of this service. An organization will not get be able to book cargo for transportation on an upcoming voyage, unless payment has been completed for cargo transported on the previous voyage.

AOB

- Contingency Planning for Kenya Elections – The group agreed to analyse potential scenarios in light of the upcoming elections at the next meeting.
- Contingency Planning for Somalia was also highlighted, as elections are planned to be held this month after the parliament's acceptance of the new constitution on 1 August 2012.

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