

## MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

24 August 2012

**Chair:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator

**Participants:** Logistics Cluster, WHO, UNDP, Save the Children, WFP, UNHCR, CONCERN, NRC

**Action Points:**

- Interested participants can contact the Logistics Cluster to be included in the OCHA Gender Marker Training in Nairobi, scheduled for 03 September.

### Agenda:

1. Follow up on previous Action Points
2. Situation Update
  - General/Security/Access
3. Coordination Activities
  - Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2013 - 2015
4. Logistics Cluster Services Evaluation
  - User Survey
5. WFP Bilateral Shipping Services Update
6. AOB
  - Storage
  - OCHA Gender Marker Training
  - Somalia Elections
  - Kenya Elections

### Follow-up on previous Action Points

- [The Logistics Cluster will finalize and share the Common Services Survey for feedback from participants]. – Done. The survey has been shared with participants, as well as Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) Agents for feedback. The deadline to complete the survey is Monday 27 August.
- [Participants to discuss contingency planning with respect to the upcoming elections (both Kenya and Somalia) in the next meeting] – Discussions under Agenda Point 'AOB'.

### Situation Update

#### General

- During the month of August so far, UNHCR figures show that approximately 5,100 persons were displaced in Somalia. Displacements have been due to insecurity, lack of livelihoods, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) return, forced return, refugee return, and eviction.
- Displacement from Kismayo as a result of conflict is increasing. IDPs are also fleeing Marka district, mostly to other parts of Lower Shabelle.

#### Security

- Participants discussed the current security situation in Somalia.

#### Ports and Road Access

- At Bossaso Port, a fire broke out on a cargo vessel carrying a variety of cargo (including petrol) as it was berthing on 23 August (2030 hrs). No casualties have been reported, however loading and discharge operations at the port have been affected. The vessel transporting cargo for humanitarian organizations under the WFP cost-recovery shipping service had to delay cargo discharge in Bossaso. The port remains congested. Congestion is expected to continue throughout the week. Berthing priority is based on a first come first served basis, although livestock and cement cargo vessels are given priority.
- Dar Es Salaam – The port is congested with 5 vessels at berth. 11 vessels are at anchorage, waiting to berth. Humanitarian vessels and car-carriers continue to be given berthing priority. Rehabilitation works are still on-going at berth #10 (at the container terminal). 12 additional vessels are expected at the port in the coming week.
- Mombasa – Mombasa port's container and bulk terminals are currently congested. (Grain imports into

Kenya have increased substantially).

- Mogadishu– The port is not congested this week. 5 vessels are currently at berth, and there are no waiting vessels. Humanitarian vessels continue to receive priority berthing. Strong winds are continuing.
- Berbera –The port remains congested this week, with 3 vessels and 4 dhows at berth. 4 vessels are waiting at anchorage. Berthing priority continues to be given to containerized and humanitarian cargo.
- Djibouti – The port’s bulk terminal is currently congested. The container terminal remains free of congestion.

## Coordination Activities

### **Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2013 – 2015**

- There will now be a 3 year CAP for Somalia, with the aim of supporting populations in humanitarian emergency, crisis and stress; including life-saving assistance, access to basic social services and livelihoods, provision of safety-nets and resilience-building programmes. Organizations can submit either 1, 2, or 3 year projects. Further details can be provided to interested participants via an OCHA CAP Questions & Answers (Q&A) document.
- Participants were requested to send their Logistics Project Proposals (if any) to the Logistics Cluster for review and potential submission into the CAP.
- Major Deadlines:
  - 21 September - Cluster Response Plan (For Logistics Cluster, Operational Response Plan for transport/deployment to newly accessible areas)
  - 25 September – Inter-Cluster Response Plan Review
  - 03 October - HCT - Cluster - Donor Workshop - Review 3 year plan
  - 11 November - Project Formulation & Upload

## Logistics Cluster Services Evaluation

### **Common Services Survey for Lessons Learned - Shipping**

- The Common Services Survey has been shared with participants, as well as C&F Agents for feedback. Participants were requested to complete submissions by COB Monday 27 August.
- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that this survey would aid in analyzing the benefits and challenges of the free-to-user shipping service (September 2011 to July 2012) and would also contribute to future planning of Logistics Cluster operations.

## WFP Bilateral Cost-Recovery Shipping Service

- The next voyage is scheduled for mid-September. The ETA for the vessel in Mombasa is currently 03-07 September [**Update: The ETA for the vessel is now 10-12 September**]
- So far, Service Level Agreements (SLAs) have been signed between WFP and 11 organizations. 6 Service Request Forms (SRFs) have been received for the coming voyage (approx. 80 mt currently, on behalf of 5 organizations). The deadline for the receipt of SRFs was 21 August.
- Participants were reminded to correctly fill in complete and accurate information in the SRF Forms (including details for packaging and the contact information for C&F Agents). This will help avoid delays in SRF bookings, and overall shipping operations.
- Participants submitting SRFs were reminded to send all documents and correspondence related to the bilateral cost recovery shipping service to [somalia.cargobooking@wfp.org](mailto:somalia.cargobooking@wfp.org)
- 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 it chooses to.

## AOB

### **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.
- Due to current storage demands exceeding supply in Bossaso and Berbera, leading to exorbitant pricing for storage, several participants expressed a need for feasible storage capacity in these locations. This is especially due to an increase in programmatic activities in these areas.

### ***OCHA Gender Marker Training***

- An OCHA gender marker training for Clusters will be organized on 3 September in the FAO Somalia office in Nairobi. Interested participants can contact the Logistics Cluster to be included in the training.

### ***Border Crossing/Customs***

- A participant mentioned that their organization's cargo had faced major delays at the Mandera Border Crossing (more than 2 weeks). To avoid such delays, organizations were reminded to ensure adequate lead-time between lodging customs paperwork with the relevant ministry and transport of goods to the final destination.

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