

MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

23 November 2012

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: Logistics Cluster, UNHCR, UNDP, IFRC, UNICEF, MSF, MDM Kenya/Somalia, Solidarités International, Islamic Relief Somalia, NRC, INTERSOS, SOWEP, DRC, Future for the African Woman, Oxfam, ACF Somalia, WHO, World Vision International

Action Points:

- The Logistics Cluster to share contact details via email for the new Cluster Focal Point in Nairobi.
- The Logistics Cluster to publish a post on the Shipping Workshop on the Logistics Cluster blog on the website.

Agenda:

1. Follow up on previous Action Points
2. Situation Update
 - General/Security/Access
3. Future role of the Somalia Logistics Cluster and CAP 2013 - 2015
4. WFP Bilateral Shipping Services Update
5. Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) Update
6. AOB

Follow-up on previous Action Points

- [The Logistics Cluster will send out final invoices for the previous Bilateral Cost- Recovery Voyage] – Completed and invoices sent to all clients with booking on the previous voyage).
- [The Logistics Cluster will compile data on road access during the 2011 rainy season in Somalia and produce a map showing previous access difficulties] – Completed. The hardcopy map was shared with participants at the meeting.

Situation Update

General

- The Draft Kismayo Security Risk Assessment (SRA) has been reviewed by the Security Management Team (SMT) and is now under Programme Review. 70,000 persons in Kismayo are reported as in crisis, while 25,000 are in humanitarian emergency. Conflict-induced trade and economic disruptions in main distribution markets in South-Central Somalia, increased transport costs due to fuel price increases, and poor road accessibility continue to raise prices of transported goods. The detailed Report can be requested from UNDSS directly.
- Following on from the SRA, a planned Logistics Assessment Mission to Kismayo will be conducted soon.
- As per UNHCR data, a total of 2,300 persons have been displaced in Somalia during the month of November so far.

Security

- Participants discussed the current security situation in Somalia.

Access (Ports and Roads)

Ports

- Bossaso Port is congested this week. 2 vessels are at anchorage, waiting to berth. Berthing priority is based on a first come, first berth basis.
- Mogadishu Port continues to face severe congestion, and is currently running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to ease pressure.
- Dar Es Salaam Port continues to face congestion, with 13 vessels waiting to berth. 16 additional vessels (majority container cargo) are expected at the port in the coming two weeks.
- At Mombasa Port, only the container terminal remains congested, with an average waiting time of 2 days. For the bulk terminal, berthing is immediate (expected to hold for one week). A general decline in commercial vessels calling the port has been observed.
- Djibouti Port is not congested. 2 vessels are at berth loading cargo. 9 vessels are waiting outside the port, for reasons of livestock readiness and documentation. Heavy congestion is still anticipated for

end-November and early-December due to increase in fertilizer imports (approximately 100,000 mt fertilizer expected at the port during this period).

Roads

- As per the group's request at the previous meeting, the Logistics Cluster has compiled a Historical Physical Road Network Conditions Map showing past road access difficulties, based on the 2011/12 Rainy Season (October 2011 – March 2012). The Logistics Cluster informed participants that the map was based on the best available information at the time from partners in the field. The map is available at:

http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/physical_road_conditions_rainy_season_october_to_march

Future role of the Somalia Logistics Cluster and Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2013 - 2015

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator and Information Management Officer will be departing from Nairobi next week. The new focal point for the Somalia Logistics Cluster is Mr. Alastair Cook, Email: alastair.cook@wfp.org
- For cost-recovery shipping, all bookings/requests should be sent to somalia.cargobooking@wfp.org. The direct shipping contact is Mr. Michael Larkins, Email: michael.larkins@wfp.org
- **An email will also be sent out to the group this week with the new contacts.**
- 2 projects are included under the Logistics Cluster in the CAP 2013 - 2015, for 2 years (2013 – 2014):
 - 1) UNHAS Project
 - 2) Port Rehabilitation Project
- If the situation changes, there may be changes in projects, and additional projects could be considered.

WFP Bilateral Shipping Service Updates

- The third voyage under the WFP Bilateral Cost-Recovery Shipping Service is underway. The vessel arrived in Mogadishu on 20 November, and is currently discharging cargo, after which it will return to Mombasa. In Mogadishu, the vessel will also load 120 m³ of Food Items for 1 organization, destined for Bossaso. The cargo on-board being discharged totals approximately 400 m³ of pharmaceutical items, fire-fighting equipment, hospital furniture, WASH items, Education items, and 2 vehicles, on behalf of 5 humanitarian organizations
- On the fourth voyage, the vessel will sail from Mombasa to the northern ports of Bossaso, Berbera, and Djibouti. The estimated date of arrival in Mombasa for this voyage is 27 November. In Mombasa, the vessel will load approximately 365 m³ of Non-Food Items for Bossaso. All Service Request Forms (SRFs) should be sent to somalia.cargobooking@wfp.org

Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) Update

- 1 additional Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) is being leased out, free of charge, to a humanitarian organization for use in Mogadishu. An Asset Loan form has been signed for between the Logistics Cluster and the organization for this purpose. The MSU is expected to be erected in end-November. It will be used for Shelter and Education Programmes in the area. (A total of 2 MSUs have now been leased out to support humanitarian operations in Somalia).
- 3 MSUs now remain available in Mogadishu to organizations 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.**
- For further information on these MSUs, including technical guidelines and lease procedures, an MSU Snapshot is available on the Logistics Cluster website: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/snapshot-somalia-MSUs-121114/view>

AOB

- Participants asked about the date of the Logistics Assessment Mission to Kismayo. The Logistics Cluster informed the group that the mission will be conducted by WFP and is currently in the planning phase.

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