

LOGISTICS COORDINATION GROUP –MEETING MINUTES

WFP Office, Sana'a

Date: 12 May 2010, 14:00

Action Point: Security Clearance Procedures

Action Point: Customs and Saada Rapid Assessment Working Groups

Action Point: Humanitarian Air Service (HAS), Special Operation (SO) and CERF Funding proposal

Reported from last meeting

Action Point participants: None

1. Security Clearance Procedures

- *The Security clearances procedures for internal passenger travel by Air, Road and for delivery of Humanitarian cargo remain complicated.*
- **Cluster members proposed that the RC should submit to the newly appointed Minister of IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons), to streamline the procedures and to propose to have a full time liaison officer to be appointed by GOY/MOI(Government of Yemen and Ministry of Interior) at the operations centre, to coordinate security clearance procedures for the Humanitarian Community.**
- *Since the last meeting there has been no feed back reported by the Customs Working Group and the Rapid Assessment Task Force for Saada Emergency.*
- **Cluster's members recommended to reconvene and to provide feedback on progress made for the customs "Model Agreement" and Standard Basic Agreements for comparative analysis and import procedures. Action OCHA**
- **OCHA advised there was no further need to have a Rapid Task Force Working Group to take place, as OCHA was already taking the lead to organise the first Joint Rapid Assessment Mission to Saada, which was postponed due to security concerns.**
- **Relief International requested more information on clearing procedures as it was planning to import medicines, and was advised to coordinate with MOPH (Ministry of Public Health), who was assisting other agencies with exemptions and clearing of medicinal cargo. A clearing agent's contact was provided.**
- **Relief International requested information on NGO's HF/VHF radio licence and coverage. It was mentioned that NGOs could use the UN coverage as it's still very difficult to issue new permits, but GOY is more flexible with UN requests.**

2. Humanitarian Air Service(HAS) to Saada and Funding

- *WFP was able to sign an "Ad-Hoc" Air charter agreement for 6 months with YJV (Yemenia Joint Venture) to provide a fixed wing aircraft to ferry passengers and light cargo to Saada. WFP is required to provide a monthly flight schedule to the company.*
- *WFP presented a SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) draft to members for endorsement and proposed for a partial cost recovery to be agreed upon, if the project is extended beyond the funding requirements or if the project remained under-funded. The members agreed all stake holders would be charged the same price per seat and further seek HCT (Humanitarian Country Team) approval.*
- *Members proposed for the SOP to be revised and a shortened version to be presented to the Government relief committee for endorsement, to ensure only personnel working with Humanitarian activities can use the service.*
- *UNHCR also proposed for the SOP to be modified and would send a sample for consideration.*

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- WFP updated the group that the Special Operation (SO 200130) for air operations was being finalised, together with a CERF funding proposal to manage Logistics Cluster activities, mobile storage capacity and air operations.
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Next meeting: TBC (as and when required basis)

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