

LOGISTICS CLUSTER
SOMALIA FAMINE RESPONSE
SITUATION REPORT
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1 SITUATION UPDATE

General

- A large number of UN Agencies and NGOs working in South Central Somalia were banned on 28 November. (For additional information please see the statement from the Emergency Relief Coordinator, available at: <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/ERC%20STATEMENT%20ON%20SOMALIA%2028November2011.pdf>)
- This incident has had a direct impact on the humanitarian community's ability for distribution, logistics, and monitoring. A discussion was held in the Logistics Cluster Meeting on 02 December, on the impacts and potential mitigating steps.

Ports Situation

- **Mogadishu Port** - The port is now has a steady flow of traffic. There are six vessels and dhows under discharge, carrying both humanitarian and commercial cargo. There are two vessels waiting to berth. The waiting time is currently one day maximum. In the past month, strong seasonal winds had resulted in lower numbers of dhows calling at the port, but these have now ended. The port is expected to remain busy with more dhows docking now with commercial cargo.
- **Bossaso Port** - The port is now congested. This has been caused by the many dhows calling the port with commercial cargo.
- **Berbera Port** - The port is presently very busy. There are vessels and dhows discharging humanitarian and commercial cargo. There are four vessels and five dhows waiting to berth and load commercial cargo (containerised) as well as livestock.
- **Mombasa Port** - Mombasa port is presently very congested. The bulk berth has four waiting vessels and the current waiting time is averaging 22 days. The conventional and container berths have two and eleven waiting vessels respectively, and the average waiting time ranges from 3-5 days. More containerised cargo is still expected at the port.
- **Dar Es Salaam Port** – There is congestion for container vessels only. Continuing heavy traffic of container vessels is expected in the coming days as the festive season approaches. Presently, waiting time is averaging 3-4 days. The strike that had affected some part of the port has since been resolved.
- **Djibouti Port** – With the recent purchase by the Ethiopian Government of 500,000 mt of wheat and the start of the fertiliser season this week, Djibouti is becoming more congested. The fertiliser silo, which has been available for bulk wheat for the past month is no longer available. There is also a below –optimal upload from the warehouses due to a shortage of trucks. This port congestion is expected to continue until at least the end of March 2012.

Access/Weather

- Access difficulties have been reported from Mombasa to various locations in the Gedo and Lower Juba regions.
 - **Delivery to Luuq and Dolo locations** - Ma'adato has is renowned for being a difficult area to pass. Despite the difficulties, there is still movement of trucks.
 - **Delivery to Doble** - Poor road conditions due to rains still persist. However, transporters have managed to make deliveries using light trucks (20 to 25 mt capacity).
 - **El Wak routes to delivery locations** - Areas between El Wak Kenya and El Wak Somalia have been flooded, affecting truck movement. As a result, some trucks are stranded between the two locations.
 - **Baidoa - Bakol Region** - Still Not Passable (Labatan Jirow, Wajid, Huddur, EL-Berde, Tayeglow, etc)
 - **Baidoa - Other Districts of Bay** - Still not passable (Qansaxdhere, Ufurow, Dinsor, Buale, Sakow, Salagle, Bardere, etc.)

- **Mogadishu - Jowhar and other North districts** - Now passable (Jalalaqsi, B/weyne and Galgadud districts)
- **Mogadishu - Awdhegla** - Now passable.
- **Kismayo - other south /west districts** - Still not passable (Afmadow, Hagar, Badhadhe, etc.)

2 COORDINATION

- The Logistics Cluster participated in an Inter-Cluster Working Group (ICWG) Meeting in Mogadishu on 06 December and briefed other Clusters on the Logistics Cluster's objectives and common services.
- The Logistics Cluster also held a Cluster Coordination Meeting in Mogadishu on 07 December.

3 TRANSPORT

Shipping

- A chartered vessel, coordinated through the Logistics Cluster to provide transport of humanitarian cargo from Mombasa to Mogadishu is expected to depart on 11/12 December. Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for over 1,000 mt of relief cargo were received for this voyage, including both food and Non-Food Items (NFIs). However, due to the recent bans a significant amount of the total cargo has been cancelled by the requesting organisation. The remaining cargo is currently being loaded onto the vessel at Mombasa Port, for onward transport to Mogadishu.
- Overall, the Cluster has transported over 780 mt of relief cargo in support of the Somalia famine response to date.

4 MAPPING/INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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

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