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SOMALIA FAMINE RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT

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Loading of the Merchant Vessel with Logistics Cluster cargo on 08 December

1 SITUATION UPDATE

Ports Situation

- **Dar Es Salaam Port** - Congestion is being experienced at the container terminal. More container vessels are still expected in the near future. Waiting time is currently averaging 3-4 days maximum. No labour and port related issues are presently affecting the port.
- **Mombasa Port** - The port is presently congested with containerised cargo. All the berths are occupied with 8 vessels waiting to berth at the conventional berth. There are possibilities of closing one conventional berth for repairs. This will further add to the waiting time. With the arrival of less break bulk cargo (which usually require more manual manpower), more gangs are now available for other vessels). There are also indications of an expected stevedoring strike on 20 December. This is likely to cause delays in the port operations.
- **Mogadishu Port** - The port is reportedly busy, but not congested. There are three free berths. Average waiting time remains maximum one day. The port is expected to remain busy with more dhows and humanitarian cargo calling the port. The weather is fine and no rains have been experienced for the last two weeks.
- **Bossaso Port** - The port is congested and busy. There are three vessels at berth discharging, and other vessels at anchorage waiting to berth.
- **Berbera Port** - The port is presently very congested. One vessel and four dhows are currently discharging commercial cargo. Some dhows have double berthed. Additionally, there are four livestock vessels waiting to berth.
- **Djibouti Port** - The port is expected to be very busy in the following weeks. More commercial cargo (fertilizer imports) and humanitarian cargo (Ethiopian wheat import and others) will call the port during the month of December. This will congest the port considerably. Humanitarian cargo is generally expected to receive more attention depending on the port situation.

Weather/Access

- Road access difficulties have been reported from Mombasa to various locations in the Gedo and Lower Juba regions.
- A Somalia Physical Road Network Conditions Map is available at:
<http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/somalia-physical-road-conditions/download>

2 TRANSPORT**Shipping**

- The voyage charter departed from Mombasa on 14 December. Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for over 1,000 mt of cargo were received for this voyage, including both food and Non-Food Items (NFIs). However, due to the recent bans on some organizations' operations, a significant amount of the total cargo was cancelled. Approximately 330 mt of humanitarian cargo was loaded onto the vessel at Mombasa Port, for onward transport to Mogadishu. Cargo included mixed porridge, corn soya blend (CSB), teaching kits, and mixed NFIs. The vessel is scheduled to arrive in Mogadishu on 17 December.

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