

MEETING MINUTES

Somalia Logistics Cluster, Nairobi, Kenya

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Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: Logistics Cluster, WFP, UNOPS, CRS, Save the Children UK, UNDSS

- Action Points:**
- Organizations to provide information on transport rates.
 - Organizations to submit tentative operations and pipelines plans for logistics.
 - Organizations to provide detailed information on customs problems encountered.

Agenda:

1. **UNDSS Security Update**
2. **Transportation**
3. **Incoming Pipeline and Clearance/Transit Issues**
4. **Supply Strategies for South Central Somalia**
5. **Logistics Gaps and Needs**

UNDSS Security Update

- There were no major updates on Somaliland and Puntland where the situation is considered relatively stable.
- Mogadishu remains an area of major concern (*Update: the briefing was provided prior to the withdrawal of Al Shabab from Mogadishu*).
- UNDSS encourages all organizations to share plans for redeployment to South Somalia to ensure coordination and adequate availability of security resources.
- A discussion was held regarding how UNDSS could assist non UN-organisations (e.g. for security clearances of airstrips). It was agreed that such support was possible if such security clearances were of benefit to the humanitarian community at large.

Transport Information

- Several organizations have agreed to share transport rates during the last meeting, however only two have submitted the required information so far.
- The Logistics Cluster will follow up with individual organisations and is appealing for better information-sharing

Incoming Pipeline and Clearance/Transit Issues

- While partners expressed concern over potential difficulties with customs and transit issues in Kenya, for Somalia bound materials, no major issues were reported thus far apart from regular procedures that need to be followed.

Supply Strategies for South Central Somalia

- New corridors into Southern Somalia have been opened and humanitarian actors are now entering into parts of Gedo (Dolow, El Waq and Luuq districts) and to some extent in Dobley district in Middle Juba.
- Organisations are also exploring corridors from Somaliland/Puntland or across Ethiopia to facilitate entry into borders areas of South Somalia.

Logistics Gaps and Needs

- While most humanitarian organizations are currently conducting deliveries of life-saving cargo into drought affected areas, it is expected that the majority of their pipelines will not be fully operational for a few weeks; it is therefore expected that logistics requirements are still to increase significantly from September onwards.

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