MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya
30 September 2011

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator


Action Points:
- The Logistics Cluster participants are requested to send all Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) to hornofafrica.cargo@logcluster.org
- The Logistics Cluster to share contact details, for information on ECHO flights to Somalia, via email.
- The Logistics Cluster to send Procurement Meeting Minutes to interested participants.

Agenda:
1. Situation Update
2. Logistics Cluster Operational Planning
3. Update on Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2012

Situation Update
- Refugees from Somalia continue to arrive in neighbouring countries; current estimates put the total number of Somali refugees in Kenya, Ethiopia, and Djibouti at 910,000, with over 1,000 refugees crossing the borders daily. Additionally, it is estimated that there are approximately 1.5 million Internally Displaced People (IDPs) inside Somalia.
- The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is expecting substantial quantities of relief cargo to arrive in Mogadishu Port from OIC affiliated organizations in the coming weeks. So far the majority of the cargo is arriving clearly consigned, although an increase in the number of Unsolicited Bilateral Donations (UBDs) is expected.
- The Logistics Cluster has prepared General Guidelines for UBDs; these guidelines are available online at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/general_guidelines_for_unsolicited_bilateral_donations/view
- The Logistics Cluster is informally collecting information on cargo arriving at Mogadishu Port; the Logistics Cluster will share information with partners.
- Participants were briefed on the Humanitarian Forum/OIC Coordination Meeting held in Nairobi. The group discussed moving from the recovery to relief phase (medium and long term). The Logistics Cluster has also been having discussions with OIC members bilaterally and has provided information on common services available.
- Mombasa Port currently faces congestion with potential waiting times of 3 days for conventional vessels and 7 days for container vessels.
- Due to a recent request, the Logistics Cluster hosted a meeting for participants interested in discussing procurement/supply chain issues. A number of issues were discussed, including challenges with procuring supplies, ensuring competitive pricing, and alternate sourcing locations.

Logistics Cluster Operational Planning
- The Chair informed the group that he would be travelling to Mogadishu to assess the situation in the port, discuss storage solutions, and review the accommodation set-up for UN agencies.

Storage
- The Logistics Cluster will begin providing common storage in Mogadishu Port in two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs); this storage capacity can be expanded as required.
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for common storage will be prepared by the Logistics Cluster.

Shipping
- A one-off vessel has been identified to move interagency cargo from Mombasa to Mogadishu, this
vessel will provide immediate transport capacity until the initiation of regular transport service supported by a time-chartered vessel (5,500 mt capacity) expected to arrive in Mombasa on 07/08 October. Thus far four Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) have been accepted, and loading will commence this week.

- Participants are requested to send CMRs and provide information on planned cargo movements, to facilitate improved planning and coordination, to the Logistics Cluster. Requests to transport cargo to destinations other than Mogadishu may be accommodated on regular WFP vessels.
- In response to a query from participants, the Chair informed the group that the average travel time from Mombasa to Mogadishu was 4-5 days.
- Participants were informed that a Snapshot for Bossaso Port was available online at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/bossasso_port_snapshot/view
- Logistics Cluster to share contact details for information on ECHO flights to Somalia via email.

**Airlifts**
- For airlift support in the Horn of Africa, organizations are requested to contact the Logistics Cluster focal point via email (john.myraunet@wfp.org).

**Update on Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2012**
- The deadline for project sheet submission has been moved to 04 October. The Cluster is uploading three projects on the OCHA CAP Database for 2012.

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