MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya
14 October 2011

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: Logistics Cluster, CARE, CESVI, CONCERN, IRD, Oxfam GB, USAID/OFDA, WFP, FAO, Save the Children, World Vision International, InterSOS

Action Points:

- The Logistics Cluster to share updated Contact List with participants.
- Participants to inform the Logistics Cluster if they are interested in Mombasa Port Visit, for necessary arrangements to be made.
- The Logistics Cluster to update participants on potential storage of transit cargo in Mombasa Port prior to vessel loading.
- The Logistics Cluster to share a Road Updates Template with participants for road update inputs.
- The Logistics Cluster to confirm access from Mogadishu to Ceelbur.
- Participants require support for shipping into Bossaso; Berbera to inform the Cluster.

Agenda:

1. Situation Update
2. Logistics Cluster Operational Planning
3. AOB

Situation Update

- Field staff leaving Somalia for Nairobi were advised to book flights as early as possible with UNHAS. Participants were also informed that bookings for Dadaab flights on Monday and Wednesday were to be done through UNHCR (Please contact the Logistics Cluster directly for more information). Participants are also advised to double-check departure times beforehand as these may change.

- The Mandera border crossing was closed this week due to security concerns in Gedo. Some cargo movement is affected; participants were advised to obtain all customs clearances from Nairobi before attempting to cross. Some organisations have had to submit official request letters to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for permission to move cargo over the border. The procedure is as follows: (allow one to two weeks for processing):
  - A letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting passage for humanitarian cargo into Somalia through the Mandera Border Crossing.
  - This letter is sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Ministry of Internal Security for approval/rejection.
  - The final decision is sent by the Ministry of Internal Security back to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Logistics Cluster Operational Planning

- Participants were informed that recently there had been discussions/negotiations between the Dock Workers Union and the Kenya Port Authority to resolve their disputes. These discussions remain ongoing. Currently, no private actors are allowed on the quaysides to load/discharge vessels. The last week has seen delays in the loading/discharge of vessels due to poor weather conditions. Waiting times have increased as some vessels are not able to berth and the delays vary depending on the size and type of the vessel.

- The Logistics Cluster is willing to organise a trip to Mombasa Port for Cluster Participants. Participants are requested to inform the Logistics Cluster if they are interested in the Mombasa Port visit, for necessary arrangements to be made.

Shipping

- The WFP-chartered vessel, MV Sunrise, with Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for four
logistics cluster – somalia famine response

organizations, is departing for Mogadishu tomorrow (15 October).

- The time-chartered vessel, MV Caroline Scan, is departing in around 10 -12 days. It has arrived in Mombasa and is waiting to berth and will now sail on a regular basis. Once this is underway, the Logistics Cluster will be providing tentative dates of arrival/departure and cut-off dates for receipt of CMRs for future voyages.
- The Logistics Cluster is reviewing the SOPs, and aims to take containers on this vessel. However, this contingent on the handling capacity in Mogadishu Port. The Cluster is planning a visit there next week for an assessment.
- Mogadishu Port is facing heavy traffic, but at present there are no major waiting times for berthing.
- Participants asked about reported changes in charges at Mogadishu Port for incoming cargo. The chair informed participants that such information had not been received. However, charges vary depending on the type of cargo and the contractor/contacts being used.

storage

- The Logistics Cluster is finalizing arrangements for interagency storage space in Mogadishu Port with more than 1,000 m³ storage capacity via two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). A company is being contracted to manage these MSUs.
- SOPs will be provided for this, with Temporary Storage Requests (TSRs), and Release Order Forms (RLOs). The process will be simple and will stop after loading on trucks. The Cluster will not be transporting cargo. There may be shunting to the warehouse in the future, and cargo may be stored for a short period of time (transit cargo).
- Some participants are looking for extra warehousing space. Currently, there is still some storage space close to Mogadishu port. If looking for larger warehouses, there are facilities around K-4, K-5 etc. However, these are not recommended as there is a high volume of traffic.
- Participants queried storage services in Mombasa prior to the vessel’s departure. The Cluster replied that this is being investigated and storage could be arranged bilaterally in the meantime. The Logistics Cluster will update participants on potential storage of cargo in Mombasa Port prior to vessel loading.

AOB

- The wet weather conditions in Mogadishu, Juba, and Mombasa is impacting people living in camps particularly in Mogadishu. Participants with shelter items should coordinate with UNHCR, and contact the Shelter Cluster Coordinator. The Logistics Cluster is preparing a GIS update and the harmonized file with proper supply routes and cross-checked data will be shared next week. For Juba and the Shabelles in particular, participants are requested to send in road updates.
- Save the Children asked participants if any organization had warehouse space for the next week Participants that need support for shipping into Bossaso, Berbera to inform the Cluster. There is no regular vessel for these locations. Participants are requested to share their plans in advance since shipping can take 4-6 weeks.
- Participants queried the access from Mogadishu to Ceelbur. This will be confirmed by the Logistics Cluster.
- The Cluster will be sharing the updated contact list next week. John Myraunet is the new Logistics Cluster Coordinator, and Hamza Mohmand will remain for Information Management.

contacts:
website: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a

Nairobi, kenya

John Myraunet Logistics Cluster Coordinator john.myraunet@wfp.org
Hamza Mohmand Logistics Cluster Information Management Officer hamza.mohmand@wfp.org