

MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

21 October 2011

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: Logistics Cluster, CRS, FAO, IRD, Mercy USA, Oxfam GB, USAID/OFDA, World Vision International, MERLIN, Islamic Relief, SOWEP

- Action Points:**
- Participants to send CMRs to the Logistics Cluster for future voyages of the time-chartered vessel.
 - Participants interested in a visit to Mombasa Port to inform the Logistics Cluster.

Agenda:

1. SITUATION UPDATE
2. LOGISTICS CLUSTER OPERATIONAL PLANNING
3. AOB

SITUATION UPDATE

- The Logistics Cluster informed the group that the recent rains had impacted road conditions in Somalia. Flooding has also led to displacement in certain areas, and there is also a risk of the contamination of water sources. Mostly low-lying areas have been affected. As per forecasts, rains are expected to continue for the next week.
- The Logistics Cluster visited Mogadishu Port this week, two ships were seen at anchorage, and overall operations were moving smoothly. The Logistics Cluster also met with the Mogadishu Port Authorities to prepare for the arrival of the time-chartered vessel.
- Congestion issues in Mombasa Port continue, with continued rains. The Kenya Port Authority has posted an announcement with details on its website, available at:
<http://www.kpa.co.ke/InfoCenter/News/Pages/CONVENTIONALCARGOHANDLINGOPERATIONSSLOWEDDOWNBYRAINS.aspx>

LOGISTICS CLUSTER OPERATIONAL PLANNING

Shipping

- The WFP-chartered vessel carrying inter-agency cargo on behalf of four organizations (1,100 m³) has arrived in Mogadishu and is currently discharging cargo.
- The time-chartered vessel (capacity 5,500 mt) has arrived in Mombasa and is waiting to berth. Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) have been accepted, and bilateral discussions are ongoing to accept some post-deadline CMRs as well. The estimated time of loading for cluster participants is 24/25 October; estimated date of departure is 26 October. This vessel will now be operating on a regular schedule twice a month. Organisations are encouraged to send in CMRs for the next voyage. This service is budgeted for three months initially, with additional months contingent on requirements.

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). The Cluster is working on obtaining a contractor for the management of the planned Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), and is also finalizing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for this service, to be made available once finalized.

AOB

- For the Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP), the last presentation on the three projects under the Logistics Cluster will be made to the Humanitarian Coordinator today (21 October).
- Organizations interested in a visit to Mombasa should inform the Logistics Cluster. If there is substantial interest, the Cluster will assist in organizing a visit to the time-chartered vessel and can set up some meetings with relevant actors in the port.

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