

## MEETING MINUTES

Mombasa, Kenya

10 November 2011

**Chair:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator

**Participants:** Logistics Cluster, UNICEF, FAO, WFP, USAID/OFDA, Save the Children, ADRA, WARDI

- Action Points:**
- The Logistics Cluster will share details regarding the point of contact at Mogadishu Port to assist coordination for the arrival of the WFP time-chartered vessel.
  - Participants to send estimated pipelines to the Logistics Cluster to inform planning for future voyages of the WFP time-chartered vessel.
  - The Logistics Cluster to assess available warehouse capacity in Mogadishu

### Agenda:

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

### Situation Update

- Mogadishu Port has been experiencing delays due to congestion. The majority of the vessels at anchorage are Dhows, but larger vessels are currently also experiencing delays in berthing (as of 09 November, there are six larger vessels and eight dhows waiting to berth). The average waiting time is between three to seven days at present.
- In addition, port congestion has increased in the past week at Northern Somali ports (Bossaso and Berbera) due to livestock trade in view of Hajj festivals. As Hajj has now finished, the situation is expected to improve this week.
- Congestion issues in Mombasa Port are continuing, with delays in berthing and a significant number of vessels at anchorage. An influx of containers vessels has increased berthing times. At present, average berthing times vary from five to ten days, depending on the time of arrival and vessel type/size. The main operational bottlenecks are the overall capacity of the port and a continuing shortage of port workers. Intermittent showers in the past week have compounded the delays. Despite these operational constraints the WFP Mombasa office handled nine charter vessels and over 1,000 containers (for a total of approximately 120,000 mt of relief cargo) during the month of October. The WFP Mombasa team has also successfully negotiated with the Kenya Port Authority (KPA) to obtain priority berthing whenever possible, including for the WFP time-chartered vessel that transports cargo for the Logistics Cluster from Mombasa to Mogadishu.
- The Mombasa-Garsen-Hola-Garissa-Dadaad-Liboi-Dhobley route is currently muddy in parts; vehicle movement was temporarily blocked last week on this route as well as on the Galkayo-El Berde road. Overall, rains have led to deteriorating road conditions with continued slow movement of trucks through main overland routes from Kenya into Somalia.
- An Updated Physical Road Conditions map (with Ethiopian and Kenyan border roads into Somalia included, as per participants' requests, is available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/somalia-physical-road-conditions>)

### Logistics Cluster Operational Planning

#### Shipping

- A query was raised regarding information on imports coming through to Mogadishu Port (commercial and OIC). The Cluster informed the group that recently, information had not been received on an overall level; only information on a few specific ships had been received.
- Participants discussed whether a certain share for each organization could be agreed upon in the group for future voyages of the WFP time-chartered vessel.
- **It was agreed that if certain actors felt they were able to send cargo regularly, they could send estimates on future pipelines to the Logistics Cluster for discussion with the group for more long-term predictable planning.**
- **Regarding questions on communication for the receipt of cargo when the WFP time-chartered**

vessel reaches Mogadishu Port, the Logistics Cluster will share the focal point's contact details with the group.

- UNICEF informed the group they are currently carrying out some shipments via Dubai, as well as transporting cargo via Dhows and other vessels to Mogadishu. The congestion in Mombasa may be avoided via this supply route.

### Storage

- The issue of lack of storage capacity in Mogadishu was discussed as a common problem being faced by Cluster participants.
- The Cluster updated the group on the progress of the Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) in Mogadishu Port. The requests for quotation (RFQ) for management of the MSUs are expected to be completed next week, and the MSUs to be set up in approximately two weeks' time from now.
- Participants also discussed the possibility of having a warehouse assessment near/outside the port, and requested the Cluster to identify options for storage outside the port. UNDSS will be consulted on areas suitable for establishing secure warehouses.
- The Cluster informed participants that a new draft of the MOSS standards for Mogadishu is being discussed, and this may have some useful information.

### Airlifts

- A short discussion was held on the contingency for airlifts. The Cluster updated the group that no airlifts had been arranged through the Logistics Cluster yet, but that alternative solutions had been found in the instances where airlifts had been requested.
- Priority for available funds has so far been given to the shipping operation, and priority for limited funds may further be discussed among Logistics Cluster participants.

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