

## MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

18 November 2011

**Chair:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator

**Participants:** Logistics Cluster, UNICEF, WARDI, Save the Children, IRD, USAID/ODFDA, Somali Aid

- Action Points:**
- The Logistics Cluster will update the group with information on changes to UNHAS flight schedules.
  - The Logistics Cluster will convene a User Group Meeting for common services.
  - The Logistics Cluster will update the Shipping Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in consultation with the User Group.
  - Participants to submit to the Logistics Cluster a list of warehouse locations, already assessed, and potential contacts/locations that could be used.

### Agenda:

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

### Situation Update

#### General

- No congestion is being reported in Somalia's Northern Ports (Bossaso and Berbera).
- Congestion in Mogadishu Port continues at a reduced level. Average waiting times have also decreased, ranging between one to two days.
- Congestion issues in Mombasa Port are continuing, with delays in berthing and a significant number of vessels at anchorage. An influx of container vessels has increased berthing times as large container vessels are sometimes taking over berthing space for conventional vessels, thus adding to delays. At present, average berthing times vary from five to ten days, depending on the time of arrival and vessel type/size.
- A Workshop and Logistics Cluster Meeting was held in Mombasa last week, and a presentation was made by the Kenyan Port Authority (KPA).

#### Access

- The Cluster informed the group that a weekly presentation for the Food Cluster on weather/road/port conditions was being conducted by the Logistics Cluster. Current road conditions were briefly discussed. (Further details are available on the uploaded presentation, available at: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/logistics-cluster-weather-and-road-conditions-presentation\\_111122/view](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/logistics-cluster-weather-and-road-conditions-presentation_111122/view))
  - To overcome the muddy road conditions close liaison with transport companies is recommended.
  - Organizations are also looking at using routes through northern ports via Ethiopia. Due to adverse road conditions in parts of Ethiopia, routes will have to be via Nazareth.
  - River levels are not abnormally high at the moment; however, there is a possibility of flash floods in certain areas.
- UNHAS is looking into potentially increasing flights. In response to a question about cargo transport via UNHAS, the Cluster informed the group that for passenger flights, only light cargo was being transported.

### Logistics Cluster Operational Planning

#### Shipping

- The Logistics Cluster conducted a shipping workshop in Mombasa last week (10 November), with participation from three UN agencies, three NGOs, and one donor. This workshop included a presentation from the Kenyan Port Authority (KPA) and a visit to the Mombasa Port.
- Cargo loading of the WFP time-chartered vessel presented challenges. There was constant communication and dialogue with Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) Agents, however some cargo was not delivered to the port, and some was in non-seaworthy packaging and was spoiled. 250 mt of food

and (Non-Food Items) NFIs were transported for five organizations.

- The Logistics Cluster stressed that it was important for organizations to remain in close contact with C&F Agents to ensure that cargo arrives on time. The packaging of cargo must be adequate, since incorrect packing creates delays and may be rejected.
- It was agreed that the Logistics Cluster would update the Shipping Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and share this with the group for endorsement. An Advisory Group for shipping and other common services (consisting of four to five Cluster participants) would be convened to discuss the details.
- Participants queried whether the Logistics Cluster could use the WFP time-chartered vessel or voyage charters for Berbera and Bossaso if it was making some rotations there. This will be investigated on a case-by-case basis based on capacity of the vessels.

### Storage

- The Logistics Cluster is finalizing management contract arrangements for interagency storage space in Mogadishu Port with more than 1,000 m<sup>3</sup> storage capacity via two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). Discussions with the port authority are on-going, and an agreement is will be made in in the next few weeks.
- In addition, five new MSUs are coming in via Dubai. These MSUs will arrive in Mombasa and can then be allocated, based on participants' needs. These are 10 X 32 m wiikhalls.

### AOB

- A representative from the Emergency Telecommunications (ETC) Cluster plans to attend the next Logistics Cluster Meeting to respond to any queries on communications etc.

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