

## LOGISTICS CLUSTER

### SOMALIA FAMINE RESPONSE

#### SITUATION REPORT

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#### 1 SITUATION UPDATE

##### General

- As per the Somalia Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU) and Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET)'s recently released report, three regions of Somalia (Bay, Bakool, and Lower Shabelle) have been downgraded from famine to emergency. The situation is still critical in Southern Somalia, but according to the study, the number of people facing imminent starvation has been reduced from 750,000 to 250,000; these improvements will only be sustained if the current level of assistance continues. However, in some areas where there has been significant access/intervention, the situation has not improved significantly (e.g. Mogadishu, which is still classified as a famine area). This may be due to the dynamic nature of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) movements in this location.

##### Ports Situation

- Dar-es-Salaam Port is experiencing congestion for container vessels only. Waiting time has reduced from ten days to three to four days. Presently there are no vessels waiting to berth.
- At Djibouti Port, under normal circumstances the average waiting time for bulk berth is five days. Heavy traffic of vessels, both container and bulk carriers, is expected in the coming days and continuing until the end of December 2011 and into January 2012. The composition of this traffic will include fertilizer, commercial cargo and the Ethiopian government's grain imports.
- No congestion is currently reported in Somalia's Northern Ports (Bossaso and Berbera).
- No congestion is currently reported at Mogadishu Port. The average waiting time is one day. Discharge of both humanitarian and commercial cargo is ongoing at the port.
- Congestion issues in Mombasa Port are continuing, with delays in berthing and a significant number of vessels at anchorage. Average berthing times continue to vary from five days (conventional vessels) to ten days (bulk vessels), depending on the time of arrival and vessel type/size.

##### Weather/Access

- North Somalia experienced below average rainfall, while Southern Somalia experienced above average rainfall in the past week.
- On the Kenyan side, it has been reported that the road segments Dadaab – Kulan, and Kulan - Liboi have been flooded due to the recent rainfall, severely affecting truck movements.
- On the Ethiopian side, the stretch from Gode down to Dolo Ado is still muddy. Airstrips in Dolo Ado have experienced cancellations.

#### 2 COORDINATION

- The Logistics Cluster is planning a Cluster Meeting in Mogadishu, scheduled for the beginning of December. This meeting will aim to engage some of the humanitarian organizations present in Mogadishu but normally unable to attend the weekly meeting in Nairobi.

#### 3 TRANSPORT

##### Shipping

- Via the time-chartered vessel's second voyage, the Logistics Cluster has transported 250 mt of humanitarian cargo for five organizations (two UN Agencies, three INGOs) to Mogadishu. This cargo included food, kitchen

sets, blankets, tarpaulins, and energy-saving stoves for famine-hit populations in Somalia. Overall, the Cluster has transported over 780 mt of relief cargo in support of the Somalia famine response since October 2011.

- The next Logistics Cluster-facilitated sea transport of humanitarian cargo is tentatively scheduled for the second week of December. Cargo Movement Requests (CMRs) for over 1,000 mt of relief cargo have been received for this voyage, including both food and Non-Food Items (NFIs).

#### 4 MAPPING/INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- The most recent Somalia Physical Road Network Conditions Map is available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/somalia-physical-road-conditions/download>
- A power-point presentation on the effects of the ongoing *Deyr* (minor rainy season) rains on Ports and Road Networks has been shared on the Somalia Logistics Cluster website at: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/logistics-cluster-weather-and-road-conditions-presentation\\_111129/view](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a/logistics-cluster-weather-and-road-conditions-presentation_111129/view)

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