LOCATION: WFP Somalia Conference Room
DATE: 27 September 2016
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS: ACTED, CESVI, ICRC, IOM, MSF, UNHAS, UNHCR, WFP
AGENDA:

1. Operational updates
2. Roundtable discussion
3. A.O.B

1. Operational Updates

- As some participants attended the Logistics Cluster meeting for the first time, an introduction about the Logistics Cluster’s mandate has been done. It was reminded that the Logistics Cluster, led by WFP, provides strategic logistics coordination and Information Management support and facilitates access to common services to the logistics community, other clusters and relevant organisations.
- Logistics Cluster to add new members to the mailing list and share relevant information.
- In response to the AWD/Cholera outbreak affecting the middle and southern regions of Somalia, the Logistics Cluster, in close collaboration with UNHAS and WFP, is facilitating access to air and land transport services under the CERF grant allocated budget.
- WASH Cluster and Health Cluster partners are invited to coordinate with the Cluster lead agencies (UNICEF and WHO) if requiring logistics services in response to the AWD/Cholera outbreak.
- Berbera port is rapidly growing and aims at representing an alternative operational hub for the Gulf of Aden. The significantly increased volumes flowing to the port have led DP World to agree on a 30-year concession to upgrade the port; this will allow better performance and faster deliveries although prices might increase.
- Transportation of goods from South to North Galkayo have been restricted due to a Puntland Presidential Decree and goods must be trans-shipped when entering the area. However, the restriction has been lifted for a period of 45 days and traffic is flowing normally so far.
- The Logistics Cluster will share the new SWALIM Report on River Breakages according to which the risk of floods and waterborne diseases along the Shabelle River is reported high. ICRC is responding in Jowhar and other affected areas.

2. Roundtable

- In order to respond to the new influx of Somali returnees leaving the Dadaab refugee camp, ICRC is planning to establish its presence in Dhobley. Air transport access being necessary, ICRC appeals to rehabilitate the airstrip for an estimated cost of US$ 400,000. The Logistics Cluster will liaise with OCHA and UNSOM to consider possible investments to support this project which ICRC would be available to manage.
- ICRC has identified a Dubai-based supplier that produces UV-resistant bags at a competitive price in order to improve the quality of bags transporting food-items. Tests are being undertaken to assess the actual resistance of the bags under direct sun light and results of the test will be shared with all organisations.
- ICRC is experiencing fuel shortage challenges in Baidoa and is investigating options to fly it from Mogadishu. ICRC will liaise with partners to enter in contact with reliable Mogadishu-based fuel suppliers.

3. AOB

- An accommodation compound neighboring UNHCR is available in Galkayo and interested organisations can contact UNHCR; UNHCR also offers warehousing space in Bosasso on a cost-sharing basis. The Logistics Cluster will inform partners accordingly.
- WFP to share Long Term Agreement (LTA) or information on the Nairobi to Dolow corridor as well as on prefabs accommodation and to support UNHCR in the identification of a warehouse at the Mombasa port.
- The next meeting is scheduled for mid-October, with the details to be shared by email.
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