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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

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- AGENDA:**
1. General updates from the Logistics cluster and partners
 2. Returnees from Dadaab and Drought Response
 3. Access Constraints

1. General updates from the Logistics Cluster and Partners

- Insecurity is a significant concern in south central Somalia. ACTED is forced to scale down its response in the area due to insecurity.
- WFP's time-chartered vessel contract will end at the end of December. Due to decreased activities, the contract will not be renewed for 3 months. WFP Logistics is looking into alternative arrangements. Two companies have been identified and WFP could engage their service between Mombasa to Mogadishu and Kismayo. However, this is still to be confirmed. Agencies interested in these services should contact the Logistics Cluster (contacts at the bottom of this document).
- WFP Aviation's chartered cargo plane also returned to Nairobi due to decreased activities, but is expected to position back to Mogadishu around end January 2017.
- Participants were also briefed on the current drought situation in Puntland and Somaliland. Somaliland is reported to be most severely affected, with 14 districts affected. Six districts in Puntland are affected. The Logistics Cluster has not submitted any proposal for funding, and therefore interested partners will be required to respond individually. WFP and ACTED are responding to the drought situation.
- CERF funds for the emergency response to the cholera outbreak in South/Central Somalia ended on 19 November 2016.
- INTERSOS reported there was outbreak of diarrhoea in Jowhar and is planning to respond there.
- WFP is scaling up its in-kind and cash-based interventions in Somalia in response to the increased number of returnees arriving in Somalia.
- IOM is planning to ship supplies from Japan to Bossaso

2. Returnees from Dadaab and Drought response

- IOM reported that the voluntary returnees exercise is expected to resume in February with 150,000 expected to move to Kismayu during the 1st quarter of 2017.
- IOM have completed the construction of 300 houses outside Kismayu town for the voluntary returnees, with plans underway to procure more NFIs locally.
- INTERSOS is opening an office in Dinsoor to respond to the returnee influx. The office is expected to be fully operational by January 2017.

3. Access Constraints

- Limited access is reported on the road Mogadishu-Baidoa. Commercial cargo has been reported to pass with a fee. Humanitarian cargo has been reported to be challenged when using the road – the alternative is to wait for an AMISOM convoy. The number of trucks on these convoys is however limited.
- WFP cargo has been stuck near Galkayo for four days due to insecurity. Meetings are taking place to resolve the issue and to secure access for the trucks.
- Security is a concern in south central Somalia and some humanitarian actors are scaling down responses there due to security.
- Wajid and Garbahare is only accessible by air.
- Mandera border is still officially closed. A curfew is in place from 6pm to 6am. Humanitarian cargo is allowed access, but some NGOs are reporting difficulties in obtaining permits. NGOs are required to channel their request through the Ministry of Interior. OCHA is also raising the issue at HC-level.

The next meeting is scheduled for the end of January 2017. Details will be shared by email nearer the time.

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