

**LOCATION:** WFP Somalia Conference Room

**DATE:** 17 September 2014

**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster

**PARTICIPANTS:** UNHAS, INTERSOS, ADRA, SOS, UNICEF, ACF, WFP

**ACTION POINTS:**

- Agencies to send a long-term plan to facilitate proper planning and sourcing of funds

**AGENDA:**

1. Update on current Air Operations
2. Situation on road corridors
3. Update from organisations
4. Any other Business

### 1. Update on Current Air Operations

- An overview of the current air operations was shared with participants. The operations were contracted through OCHA for an initial period of two months, from 10 August 2014, and were concluded on 17 September 2014.
- Organisations were informed that discussions are underway with donors and OCHA to source additional funding to cover phase two of the operation which is expected to cover airlifts of 800 MT for a period of three months.
- Two possible ways in which funding will be sourced were highlighted; donor funding, and providing services on a cost recovery basis. Organisations were requested to factor this into their budgets.
- Participants were briefed on cargo movements since the start of the operation, including the total tonnage moved and to which destinations. A breakdown was shared which provided a summary of quantity moved by each organization and per destination. During August 2014, a total of 226 MT was moved of which 98 MT was moved on behalf of UNICEF, the biggest user. During September 2014, a total of 154 MT was moved on behalf of seven organisations including UNICEF, ACF and SOS.

### UNHAS Update

- Organisations were advised that the UNHAS operation was generally progressing smoothly and aircraft are reliable and consistent as per the schedule.
- However, delays in the receipt of cargo have been reported. It was advised that in future, organisations must ensure staff are present to help with off-loading of cargo to avoid unnecessary delays.
- Communication limitations have been reported. It was emphasised that communication at all stages is required to facilitate coordination and preparation.

- Organisations were reminded to obtain correct documentation to ease access to the airstrip and airport.

## 2. Situation on road Corridors

- The situation regarding the road corridors remains volatile especially in the newly liberated areas and organisations were requested to continue monitoring developments.
- Baidoa continues to be inaccessible, however transporters are willing to move as long as an escort is provided.
- It was advised that the issues between Somaliland and Puntland are not yet resolved.
- It has also been reported that commercial cargo can be delivered if transported in the UNSOA and AMISOM convoys.

## 3. Update from organisations

- Currently, WFP moves 10,000-11,000mt throughout Somalia with more focus on the South due to the current droughts and military operation. WFP advised in September, they were able to move cargo to Huddur in which took longer following negotiations to facilitate access.
- WFP have chartered a vessel with a capacity of 6,000 MT which is expected to carry out four rotations in two months. The service is available to organisations on a cost recovery basis interested organisations should send their requests to the Logistics Cluster. Organisations were also requested to ensure cargo is properly labelled and packed to avoid damage and losses.
- UNICEF confirmed they have moved cargo to Gedo, Middle and Lower Juba through Kenya.
- UNICEF will be sending requests to move cargo by sea ex Berbera to Bossaso.
- ADRA has active projects in Baidoa, and are currently investigating the possibility of engaging in the South/Central region due to the current drought. Discussions with donors are underway.
- ACF are currently planning to move 100 MT by road from Elberde to Huddur then revert with developments. An additional airlift of 15 MT is planned.
- INTERSOS are planning on opening a mobile clinic in Baidoa therefore looking to procure medical items and Non Food Items (NFIs). INTERSOS will share further details once confirmed.
- SOS plan to move a total of 30 MT from Mombasa to Mogadishu in October, out of which 15 MT will be airlifted to Baidoa to cater for their nutrition project.

#### 4. Any other Business

- Pending funding approval, airlifts will commence on first come first served basis, otherwise cost recovery.
- It was discussed and agreed that meetings are to be held on monthly basis.
- UNICEF requested the circulation of a road access matrix.
- WFP to update agencies on a vessel movement plan, road as well as warehousing for organisations interested in utilizing these services.

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