

**LOCATION:** WFP Somalia Conference Room

**DATE:** 4 November 2014

**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster

**PARTICIPANTS:** WFP, UNHCR, IOM, SOS, INTERSOS

**ACTION POINTS:**

- The Logistics Cluster to share a draft proposal for the 2015 plan with organisations for their input;
- Organisations to share regular information on roads conditions;
- Organisations to submit their requests of priority needs for additional airlifts.

**AGENDA:** 1. Airlift Operations Update

2. Situation on road corridors / Access Constraints

3. Update from individual organisations

4. AOB

### 1. Airlift Operations Update

- The Logistics Cluster has received additional funding of US\$ 1million from CHF to support the inter-agency cargo airlift operation to the inaccessible regions of south and central Somalia.
- The CHF donation is projected to last for approximately two months and is equivalent to 200 flight hours. Organisations are therefore asked to submit their requests of priority needs.
- A WFP time charter vessel is also available on a cost recovery basis.

### 2. Situation on road Corridors / Access constraints

- The situation remains volatile especially in the newly liberated areas due to insecurity. Some of these areas remain inaccessible due to rainfall that has rendered roads impassable. Organisations are continuing to monitor the situation.
- WFP is currently moving food to Huddur by road which, as of 4 November has yet to arrive. WFP also delivered food to Garbaharey by road in October.
- In October, ACF delivered cargo to Huddur through Kenya, however this route was very long and costly.
- Amisom has plans to secure specific transport corridors. Discussions and planning is underway.
- It is reported that the Somali government is making efforts to move humanitarian supplies from Mogadishu to Buloburte using Turkish trucks.
- Organisations to share information on road condition and circulate on monthly basis.

### 3. Update from Individual Organisations

- WFP are currently monitoring floods around Beletwein and Elberde areas. Any updates will be shared with partners once received.
- WFP was requested to move food aid to support people displaced by recent fighting in the Sool region.
- WFP may reduce beneficiary caseloads as of January 2015 due to the expectation of improvements in food security.

- Current rains are expected to bring additional cases of Malaria. SOS is monitoring the situation. There is also a plan underway to airlift an additional 10mt of cargo at the end of November.
- UNHCR plan to preposition kits to Dolow, Luuq, Kismayu and Baidoa to support the movement of refugees returning back to Somalia from Kenya.
- IOM has established a transitional centre in Baidoa. The ports of entry where free cargo air service supported by the Logistics Cluster is requested include Berbera, Mogadishu, Garowe, Bosaso, Hargeisa, Kismayo and Galckayo airports.
- IOM is managing immigration and border activities in coordination with the immigration and civil aviation departments in the region. The majority of projects are reintegration activities focusing on internally displaced people (IDP) returning and newly displaced IDPs. Most cargo required for Baidoa is non-food items (NFIs) for these IDPs.
- Several shipments of cargo have included computers, border management biometric systems (webcameras, finger print scanners, passport readers), security equipment (cctv cameras, luggage x-ray machines, walkthrough detectors, handheld detectors) and radio communication equipment (HF, VHF radios, repeaters).
- IOM reported have plans to transport mosquito nets to Baidoa.
- The free flight cluster program is highly beneficial especially during emergencies like the cyclone last year, new IDPs in South central.

#### 4. A.O.B

- OCHA has requested a plan for Logistics Cluster activities for 2015. The Logistics Cluster will prepare a draft proposal for the 1st quarter of 2015, and share with organisations for their input. This is expected to be finalised two weeks from the meeting date.
- WFP is planning to open a logistics hub in Baidoa and station an aircraft there for easy access.
- Bulo-Burte is currently only accessible by Amisom helicopters. WFP is working with Mercy USA to clear the bushes on the ground, and once completed, UNDSS will assess the airstrip before use by UNHAS aircrafts.
- The current Logistics Cluster mailing list needs to be reviewed and updated.

*The next meeting will be held during the first week of December. Invitations will be sent by email.*

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