LOCATION: WFP Somalia Conference Room

DATE: 11 June 2015

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: UNICEF, ACF, ICRC, OCHA, World Vision, Trocaire, SOS, Save the Children, UNSOA and WFP

ACTION POINTS:

- Logistics Cluster to inform organisations via distribution list, on day, time and location of next coordination meeting.

AGENDA:

1. Operation Overview
2. Situation on road corridors and access constraints

1. Operation Overview

- A WFP time charter vessel, calling on all ports, continues to be available to organisations interested in using its services. The vessel’s contract has been extended until 3 September.

- A WFP aircraft currently available to organisations for air transportation, will be phased out at the beginning of July due to a drop of requests for its utilization. However, air transportation can be scaled up again pending requests to move supplies.

- Organisations continue to report problems with the movement of cargo, and the processing of clearances, at the Mandera border crossing. These issues will be discussed further, via OCHA facilitation, at upcoming meetings with the Kenyan Non-Governmental Cooperation Council and the Kenyan Humanitarian and Resident Coordinator.

- During Ramadan, most organisations foresee a reduction in activities and will therefore scale down their operations accordingly.

- ICRC informed participants it has 1,000 boxes of F-75 and F-100 therapeutic milk stocks in Mogadishu that will expire in November 2015. They expressed their wish to donate the supplies to interested organisations. Requests should be channelled directly to ICRC.

- UNHCR and IOM are leading response efforts for the Yemeni Crisis from Somalia, as new arrivals of refugees are expected to come into Bossaso and Berbera.

- WFP is looking into a request made by their Yemeni counterpart to set Berbera as a transhipment hub, as part of a contingency plan in light of the current situation in Yemen.

- The Garowe Airport rehabilitation project has been delayed due to funding constraints. The Humanitarian Coordinator has proposed the construction of an alternative runway at the airport to sustain some level of air access for humanitarian organisations. This is because the alternative airstrip proposed by the authorities is 50 kilometers away from Garowe. The construction of the alternative runway is expected to cost USD 600,000.

- The government of Jubaland has embarked on a road expansion project in Kismayu. One organisation reported that a structure they had built along the expansion perimeter had been pulled down.

- Organisations were informed that on 7 June, the Kenyan government had suspended all Mogadishu-bound commercial flights (both cargo and passenger flights) coming into Kenya, because it said were lacking required documentation to operate. On 11 June, at least one commercial airline had been permitted to resume operations.
• New rules for clearing cargo have reportedly been rolled out at Mogadishu airport and port. At the airport, cargo information for cargo airlifts, should be sent at least 48 hours in advance whilst at the port, where clearance time is taking longer, cargo information should be sent at least one month in advance.
• A number of organisations observed that they had no problems clearing their cargo at Mogadishu airport.
• Organisations were requested to share any information they may have on new customs requirements to the Logistics Cluster for follow up.
• ACF informed participants it is planning to establish short-term operations in Tayelow.

2. Situation on road corridors and access constraints
• Road access constraints continue to be reported across the country.
• UNSOA’s GIS teams made a presentation of their road access mapping project. Based in Nairobi the project consolidates roads access and bridges data to produce maps to inform their logistics operations. The maps can also be shared with other organisations for their own internal use and planning. The UNSOA’s GIS teams requested organisations to share with them data on road access and other related constraints through the Logistics Cluster, and were informed that UNSOA can also provide information on weather condition data such as rainfall and floods.

The next Logistics Coordination meeting will be scheduled for mid-July.
Details about the time and location of the meeting will be shared with organisations via mailing list.

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