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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
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ACTION POINTS:
• Logistics Cluster to inform partners once the second Baidoa Mobile Storage Unit is available
• Logistics Cluster to share updates on airstrips’ rehabilitation developments
• Logistics Cluster to share the official document on the daytime ban in Mogadishu
• Logistics Cluster to share an update on the evolving dynamics at the Bossaso Port
• Partners to share information on the access situation around the Baidoa area
• Logistics Cluster to share training dates and details

AGENDA:
1. Operational Overview
2. Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks
3. Logistics Trainings
4. AOB

1. Operational Overview

• The Logistics Cluster supports the humanitarian community through facilitation of logistics coordination and information management activities. In addition, as per WFP’s mandate as the lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, common logistics services are made available to humanitarian organisations to fill any existing logistics gaps. Services are provided on a cost-recovery basis, including transport by air, sea and road as well as storage.

• For the transport of cargo by air, WFP operates two cargo planes, an Antonov and a Fokker, of 5.5 mt capacity each, and UNHAS operates two Dornier planes with a maximum payload of 1.5 mt each. The two Dornier are also availed for ad hoc passenger missions for a maximum of 15 passengers. All requests for cargo services and ad hoc missions shall be submitted to the Logistics Cluster.

• The WFP time-charter vessel remains available up to the end of 2017 for all partners on a cost-recovery basis. Evaluations will be carried out to identify needs in 2018. The schedule continues to be shared regularly for partners to submit their service requests to the Logistics Cluster. The vessel sails to the ports of Mombasa, Kismayo, Mogadishu, Bossaso, Berbera and Djibouti on a monthly basis, although delays may occur.

• Alpha Logistics remains a reliable and quick commercial alternative for the provision of sea transport services, with a weekly service between Mombasa, Kismayo and Mogadishu on a full cost recovery basis. Interested agencies can contact the Logistics Cluster.

• Through WFP, a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) (10 x 32 x 3m) is being airlifted and installed in Baidoa in response to the many storage requests received from partners in this location. One MSU has already been set up earlier this year and is fully utilised by UNICEF. The Logistics Cluster will inform once the new MSU is available.

• A Temperature Controlled Unit (TCU) (10 x 24 m) is expected to be transported and installed at the Mogadishu International Airport (MIA) compound in late December. The TCU will be made available to partners for short-term storage of heat sensitive items. A 40-ft. refrigerated container continues to be available at the MIA for short-term storage of heat sensitive items.

• The Logistics Cluster continues advocating on access and infrastructure rehabilitation, in collaboration with donors. The rehabilitation of the Diinsoor airstrip is ongoing, including an extension from 800 m to 1400 m, and is expected to be completed by mid-December. The Bardheere airstrip rehabilitation is also planned.

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followed by Huddur, Qansadhere, Afmadow, El Barde, Wajid and Dhobley. The Logistics Cluster is monitoring and supporting this process. The Logistics Cluster will continue to share updates on the airstrips’ rehabilitation developments.

2. Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks

- In response to the recent wave of attacks, Somali authorities imposed a daytime ban, from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, on the movement of large trucks and road tankers within Mogadishu in an attempt to improve security. All agencies are advised to review the impact of this restriction on their operations and plan movements during the available hours. The Logistics Cluster will share the official document and further details once available.

- The Dubai-based company P&O commenced managing Bossaso Port in mid-October. The company has increased port rates on cargo from US$0.35/mt to US$5/mt. In response to this, traders operating at the port interrupted all activities and the security situation rapidly deteriorated. The company has suspended the introduction of the new rates, but only until 13 November. The Logistics Cluster will continue sharing updates on the situation at Bossaso Port.

- Hobyo Port still presents limited infrastructure and an unstable security situation, however the port is accessible and cargo delivery to the port is available with dhows from Mogadishu, which could also carry 20-ft. containers.

- The Mogadishu-Baidoa road is currently inaccessible. The Mogadishu – Afgoi – Lego – Wanlweyn – Burhadkaba – Baidoa road is paved but the security situation remains volatile, especially as the AMISOM troops have left the Leego area. The Mogadishu – Afgoi – Toratorw – Jameeco – Burhakaba – Baidoa road is longer and has an extremely rough physical terrain, worsened during the rainy season. To overcome the access constraints agencies are responding through cash-based transfer programmes and/or accessing by air as the Baidoa airstrip is in good conditions. Partners are encouraged to share information on the access situation around the Baidoa area.

3. Logistics Trainings

- The Logistics Cluster is planning to facilitate Logistics Warehouse Management trainings throughout Somalia, starting with Mogadishu and Baidoa. Trainings will also be facilitated in Hargeisa, Garowe, Kismayo and Dolow. Participants include representatives from the Government, NGOs and UN agencies. The trainings will involve an introduction to the Logistics Cluster and interactive sessions on warehouse management and storage documentation.

- One training session has been carried out in Mogadishu on 21 August 2017 and the next is planned for 27 and 28 November, also in Mogadishu. All training dates and details are shared with all partner agencies through the Cluster mailing lists.

4. AOB

- Participants agreed that Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings should take place once per month.

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