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ACTION POINTS:
• Logistics Cluster to inform partners on the new WFP MIA warehouse compound shift
• UNHAS to share a list of priority airstrips to be rehabilitated
• UNHAS to share the updated flight schedule for the fixed-wing and helicopter operations
• Maintain Logistics Coordination Meetings on a monthly basis

AGENDA:
1. Operational Overview
2. Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks
3. 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 and 5 mt capacity, respectively, and UNHAS operates two Dornier, Short Take-Off and Landing aircraft, with a maximum payload of 1.5 mt each. The two Dornier are also available 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.

- To ensure that the humanitarian personnel and cargo can access the flood affected areas, UNHAS has provided an augmented humanitarian air access service through the provision of up to two weekly additional flight rotations with the two Dorniers. An additional asset, a Mi-8MTV helicopter, has also been mobilized for a three-month period to cover destinations and landing zones currently not accessible by fixed-wing aircraft due to conditions imposed by the floods. The Mi-8MTV helicopter has a 2 metric tonnes and 18-passenger capacity. The concept for passenger travel will follow UNHAS established procedures. Cargo booked on the helicopter will be on cost recovery model following regular Logistics Cluster procedures.

- The Logistics Cluster continues advocating on access and infrastructure rehabilitation in collaboration with donors and development actors. The rehabilitation of the Diinsoor airstrip, including an extension from 800 m to 1400 m, and the Bardheere airstrip, including an extension from 1000 m to 1600 m, was completed by a development actor. The Barawe airstrip rehabilitation works are currently ongoing. Following the UNHAS User Group meeting, UNHAS will share a list of priority airstrip to be rehabilitated, including Huddur, Afmadow, Beletweyne, El Barde, Qansadhere, 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.

- A new WFP time-charter vessel, MV Petra II, is available for all partners on a cost-recovery basis. 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 every 45 days.

- Between the ports of Berbera in Somaliland and the port of Bossaso in Puntland, dhows between 500 mt and 1000 mt capacity can be contracted to transport cargo by sea. This service is particularly useful considering that access by road between the two regions halted due to armed conflict.

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• 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.

• Sea transport services are also successfully provided to partner agencies by Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) Ocean Freight and Topstar. Interested agencies can contact the Logistics Cluster for further information.

• A Temperature Controlled Unit (TCU) (10 x 24 m), advanced rub halls specifically designed to store heat-sensitive items, has been installed at the new WFP MIA compound. The TCU will be made available to partners for short-term storage of items which require a temperature below 25°C. A second TCU and a Mobile Storage Unit are being installed as well. By the end of May, once the installations will be completed, the WFP warehousing operations in the MIA will shift to the new compound and partners will be notified.

2. Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks

• As humanitarian personnel and cargo could not access the flood affected locations by fixed-wing aircraft due to conditions imposed by the rains, a Mi-8MTV helicopter, has also been mobilized for a three-month period.

• As the Beletweyne airstrip remains mostly inaccessible, cargo can be airlifted into Dhusamareb and forwarded by road to Beletweyne. A partner agency is landing at the Guriel airstrip, the closest to Beletweyne, and has shared airstrip evaluations with UNHAS. This could represent an alternative to the Dhusamareb airstrip. The Beletweyne airstrip is however been monitored daily to identify improvements.

• Road access to the flood affected areas remains limited and irregular. The Mogadishu-Jowhar corridor is currently accessible with small trucks of 10-15 metric tonnes capacity. Beletweyne is accessible by road from the norths, from Bossaso and Galkayo.

• All agencies are requested to pay landing at the Dhusamareb, Jowhar, Dhobley, Kismayo and Adado airstrips. Agencies will be charged when airlifting cargo to these destinations through the Logistics Cluster.

3. AOB

• Participants agreed that Logistics Coordination Meetings should take place on a monthly basis, in Mogadishu or Nairobi.

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