

LOCATION: WFP Main Conference Room, Nairobi

DATE: 17 October 2018

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: ARC, ICRC, IMC, INTERSOS, SCI, UNHAS and WFP

ACTION POINTS:

- Logistics Cluster to share the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the new working group.
- Logistics Cluster to share ICRC appeal for donation with all partners.
- Logistics Cluster to meet with MOH with regards to new imports requirements for medical supplies.

AGENDA:

1. Operational Updates
2. Logistics Cluster Closure and New Working Group
3. Logistics gaps and bottlenecks
4. AOB

1. Operational Updates

- The Logistics Cluster supports the humanitarian community through facilitation of logistics coordination and information management activities. In addition, WFP, as provider of last resort, makes common logistics services 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.
- A new WFP time-charter vessel, MV Petra II, is available to all partners on a cost-recovery basis. The schedule continues to be shared regularly by email, and partners should 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 can be contracted to transport cargo by sea. As access by road between the two regions is currently inaccessible due to conflict, this is the most effective method of moving goods between the two locations.
- Alpha Logistics offers 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 for more information.
- Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) Ocean Freight and Topstar also offer sea transport services. Interested agencies can contact the Logistics Cluster for further information.
- Plans are underway to open a new WFP warehouse in Dushamareb. Further information will be shared with partners.
- Two Temperature Controlled Units (TCU) designed to store heat-sensitive items have been installed at the new WFP Mogadishu International Airport compound. The TCUs are available to partners for short term storage of items which requires a temperature below 25°C.
- For the transport of cargo by air, WFP operates two cargo planes, an Antonov and a Fokker, which can carry 5.5 mt and 5 mt capacity respectively. UNHAS operates two Dornier Short Take-Off and Landing aircraft 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 should be submitted to the Logistics Cluster.
- UNHAS maintains a regular schedule for passenger services, and all requests for these services should be submitted directly to UNHAS. Agencies requesting special schedules can consolidate requests to reduce costs.

- Commercial air transport alternatives are increasing to and within Somalia. Interested agencies can contact the Logistics Cluster for further information.
- ICRC is currently accessing the Mogadishu-Baidoa corridor by road and will share transporter contact details with all interested agencies.
- ICRC plans to donate its stock of nutrition commodities close to expiry date to humanitarian partners. An email with all details will be shared through the Logistics Cluster mailing list. These will be allocated on a first served basis.
- INTERSOS is establishing new education projects in Diinsoor and is looking to gain greater access to the area by aircraft. Any alternative suggestions from partners are welcomed.

2. Logistics Cluster Closure and shift to working group

- Taking into consideration improvements in the logistics situation, and in discussion with the Logistics Cluster community, a recommendation for the deactivation of the Logistics Cluster has been submitted to the Humanitarian Coordination Team (HCT).
- The Cluster will transition to a WFP-led Working Group (WG), chaired by Aboubakry Kane, Head of WFP Logistics Operations. The WG meetings will be held every 3 months and hosted by different organisations. A new Logistics WG mailing list will be created and all active accounts shifted.
- The Logistics Cluster Somalia webpage will be closed, and information management tools and maps will no longer be produced. The operation page will be transferred to a country page and all existing documents will remain available through this [page](#).
- All WFP inter-agency common logistics services (storage and transport by air, land and sea) will be maintained following the same structure.
- UNHAS passenger services will not be affected by the closure of the Logistics Cluster. UNHAS will transition to the Enabling Programmes section of the HRP.

3. Gaps and Bottlenecks

- Delays are being experienced following the request from the Ministry of Health (MOH) requiring concerned agencies to process tax exemptions on all medical supplies entering Mogadishu. All medical supplies should have at least 18 months left before their expiry date. The Logistics Cluster will raise the possibility of waivers for humanitarian agencies with the MOH.
- Lengthy customs clearance times continue to be reported both in Somalia and Somaliland.
- ICRC is currently unable to access the Beletweyne to Huddur and the Elwak to Bardheere routes. Any agencies successfully accessing these corridors are asked to share transporter and access information with ICRC.

4. AOB

- The next Logistics WG meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-January 2019.

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