

LOCATION: Drought Operations Centre (DOC) Conference Room, Mogadishu International Airport (MIA)

DATE: 22 March 2017

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Officer

- ACTION POINTS:**
- Organizations to share their pipelines with the Logistics Cluster for better planning
 - Logistics Cluster to share indicative costs for charter flights with participants
 - Participants to share supplier lists with the Logistics Cluster for compilation and further dissemination
 - Logistics Cluster to share Road Access Map, UNHAS schedule, and Airstrip Assessment
 - All Service Request Forms (SRFs) to be sent to lucy.wambogo@wfp.org

PARTICIPANTS: ACF, ADRA, ICRC, IMC, IOM, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages, TROCAIRE, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNHAS, and WFP

- AGENDA:**
1. Role of the Logistics Cluster and current cost-recovery services
 2. Logistics gaps and bottlenecks
 3. AOB

1. Role of the Logistics Cluster and current cost-recovery services

- The Logistics Cluster provided participants with an introduction of its role in providing the humanitarian community with a logistics coordination and information platform, as well as WFP's mandate as the lead agency for the Logistics Cluster, to provide services to humanitarian organizations to fill any existing logistics gaps.

Overview of cost-recovery services for Somalia

Air

- There are three WFP air assets in Mogadishu (two of 5.5 mt capacity, one of 5 mt capacity) which airlift relief cargo items to inaccessible areas across Somalia. It was noted that the 5 mt capacity aircraft is currently contracted for Diinsor only. The Logistics Cluster facilitates humanitarian organizations in airlifting cargo on these flights on a cost-recovery basis.
- Participants requested an indicative costing sheet for the airlift. The Cluster informed participants that an indicative table can be shared with rates in USD, noting that when agencies send requests, the cost quotes they receive will often be much lower than the indicative rates, as the Cluster makes efforts to combine

several organizations' cargos on one flight, resulting in cost-effectiveness for each organization utilizing the service.

- Currently cargo flights are going to locations such as Wajid, Diinsor, Baidoa, Garbaharey, Dolow, Hudur, Beletweyn, Kismayo, and Bullo Berte. The major focus of the airlifts is on the areas of Bay and Bakool as per needs. Other locations can be added in case of need and if the airstrips are suitable for landing.
- The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) passenger flights are conducted almost daily (except Fridays) to locations across the country. The Logistics Cluster will share the latest schedule with partners. Tickets are to be booked directly through UNHAS.
- As per queries raised by participants, UNHAS clarified that the only locations that DO NOT require UNDSS clearance for minor airstrip landing are: Dolow, Baidoa, Kismayo, and Beletweyn.

Road

- There are three main regions where WFP is transporting food cargo through locally contracted companies from Mogadishu, in response to the drought:
 - 1) Banadir (Most locations accessible)
 - 2) Lower Shabelle (Afgoye, Wanleweyn are accessible, Marka has fluctuating accessibility)
 - 3) Middle Shabelle (Jowhar, Mahaday, Balad, Adale, Warsheik are accessible)
- The Logistics Cluster will share an updated road access map with participants, and participants will share their supplier lists with the Cluster for compilation and further dissemination.
- Road transport requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, on cost-recovery.

Sea

- Currently the Cluster is also facilitating humanitarian agencies in shipping aid items monthly by sea from Mombasa to Mogadishu (and/or Kismayo/Berbera/Bossasso) via a chartered vessel on a cost-recovery basis. The vessel is expected to arrive in Mogadishu on 25 March, and participants are requested to send any requests for the next voyage from Mombasa in order for ports to be identified.
- During the discussion, it was agreed that partners will share the basic capacities of each of the ports to indicate which ports can receive containers and the numbers and types of cranes available. Participants also indicated that the cost-recovery shipping services currently provided by the Cluster via WFP are not competitive cost-wise. This issue will be discussed further at the Nairobi level.

Storage

- Currently, the Logistics Cluster has made a total of over 22,000 m³ of storage space available to UNICEF (Dolow, Bossasso, Galkyao, Kismayo) and IOM (Kismayo) as per their requests. Organizations that require storage space in these or other locations can send requests to the Cluster.
- **Service request forms for any logistics service are to be sent to the focal point (lucy.wambogo@wfp.org)**

2. Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks

- One point raised by participants to keep in mind was that Dolow Airstrip currently has limited capacity in terms of offloading equipment. In case heavy items are in the pipeline over the coming months, cost-sharing options could be considered for a forklift etc. However, at present this seems unlikely as labour is proving sufficient for offloading requirements.
- Access and insecurity are the main gaps at present, with the situation changing on a daily basis. The use of the planned Road Access Maps will be useful over the coming weeks for the drought response.
- In case clearances and exemptions continue to be an issue, this point can be raised further with OCHA.

3. AOB

- The majority of organizations are working in South and South Central regions of Somalia, which are the most hard-hit areas during the current drought.
- Participants agreed to keep the current frequency of the meeting as once every two weeks (fortnightly). The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first week of April; the details will be shared by email.

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