

**LOCATION:** Drought Operations Cooperation Centre (DOCC) Conference Room, Mogadishu

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**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Officer

**PARTICIPANTS:** ADRA, FAO, MEDAIR, NRC, OCHA, UNICEF, UNHAS and WFP

- AGENDA:**
1. Logistics Cluster Services and Procedures
  2. Operations overview
  3. Gaps and bottlenecks
  4. Planning: scale up and coordination
  5. AOB

- ACTION POINTS:**
- Logistics Cluster to share regular updates on the movements of the WFP time-charter vessel.
  - Logistics Cluster to share the Service Request Form template with all partners.
  - Logistics Cluster to share information on logistics trainings being held at field level.
  - Follow-up on the possibility of facilitating Logistics Cluster sub-meetings at field level.
  - Logistics Cluster to share a new map on air access and services.

### 1. Logistics Cluster Services and Procedures

- The Logistics Cluster provides the humanitarian community with a logistics coordination and information platform. In addition, as per WFP's mandate as the lead agency for the Logistics Cluster, common logistics services are made available to humanitarian organisations to fill any existing logistics gaps. Provided on a cost-recovery basis, services include transport by air, sea and road as well as storage.
- All requests shall be submitted to the Logistics Cluster contact through a Service Request Form. A template will be shared by email to all partners for reference and use.
- Organisations have requested to be regularly updated on the movements of the WFP time-charter vessel in order to timely plan and request sea transport services.

### 2. Operations overview

- UNHAS made available three cargo airlifts in Mogadishu to facilitate the transport of relief items. Since the beginning of the drought response in February, over 1,200 mt of humanitarian relief items have been airlifted to and within Somalia.
- UNHAS has increased operational efficiency, airlifting close to 410 mt of relief items in April and has operated two new destinations: Adado and Afmadow. UNHAS has announced that the Mogadishu - Nairobi flight is not stopping-over in Wajir, Kenya, anymore - new ETA 17:30.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating regular sea transport from the port of Mombasa to Mogadishu, Berbera, Bossaso and Kismayo. During the month of April, almost 4,200 mt of humanitarian supplies have been loaded on behalf of WFP, FAO, UNHCR and UNICEF and are being transported to the ports of destinations.
- Two new Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been set up for the humanitarian community at the Mogadishu and Baidoa airports. In Mogadishu, two Reefers (refrigerated containers) have been installed and are fully functional to store heat-sensitive nutritious items for UNICEF, Save the Children and WFP.
- UNICEF has significantly decreased lead time on their Kenya to Dolow route by traveling through Ethiopia.
- Overall, organisations including WFP, FAO and NRC, are significantly increasing their Cash Based Transfers operations and therefore monitoring the accessibility of roads for commercial transporters.
- Organisations have requested to share information on logistics trainings, as warehouse management trainings, being held at field level in order to increase the local logistics capacity and decentralise expertise.

### 3. Gaps and Bottlenecks

- Rainfall has started in many parts of Somalia and created additional challenges for the delivery of humanitarian assistance. The already poor infrastructure has further deteriorated, resulting in increased access constraints. With roads remaining the most affected, the need to maintain a scaled-up air response for humanitarian cargo and personnel is being prioritized.
- Customs clearance procedures have been tightened resulting in longer waiting time for the receipt of tax exemption letters (from less than one week to 2-3 weeks). Organisations are advised to submit advance requests for customs clearance and work closely with their local contractors.

### 4. Planning: scale up and coordination

- UNICEF will continue scale up its operation throughout the third and fourth quarter of the year and sees the Logistics Cluster common asset of strategic support.
- Participants have suggested to have decentralized Logistics Cluster sub-meetings in areas where the emergency response needs are higher.
- Some organisations are prepositioning assets in view of the rains.

### 5. AOB

- The updated Logistics Cluster ConOps Map and Access Constraint Map are available on the Logistics Cluster website. A new map on air access and services is being prepared in coordination with UNHAS.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of May.

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