LOGISTICS CLUSTER - SOMALIA
Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Mogadishu, Somalia
DATE: 23 January 2018
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: Medair, UNHAS, WFP

ACTION POINTS:
- Logistics Cluster to inform partners once the Baidoa and Kismayo Mobile Storage Units are installed.
- Logistics Cluster to share updates on airstrips’ rehabilitation developments.

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 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 on a monthly basis, although delays may occur.

- Through WFP, a second Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) (10 x 32 x 3m) is being 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 utilised by UNICEF. An MSU (10 x 32 x 3m) is also being installed in Kismayo to store cargo for UNICEF and other requesting partners. The Logistics Cluster will inform once the new MSUs are available.

- A Temperature Controlled Unit (TCU) (10 x 24 m) is currently being installed at the Mogadishu International Airport (MIA) compound. The TCU will be made available to partners for short-term storage of heat sensitive items.

- The Logistics Cluster continues advocating on access and infrastructure rehabilitation, in collaboration with donors. The rehabilitation works of the Diinsoor and Bardheere airstrips are ongoing and are expected to be completed by mid-February. The Huddur airstrip rehabilitation is also planned, followed by 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.

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2. Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks

- The daytime ban, from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, on the movement of large trucks and road tankers inside Mogadishu is being implemented on an ad hoc basis, only in specific areas of town and for short periods of time. No official document was shared by the Government and no Mogadishu-wide ban has been implemented.

- Customs clearance delays at the Mogadishu Port have affected the timeliness of the monthly dispatches with procedures taking up to 21 days. Following a high level meeting between WFP and the Government of Somalia State Department Minister the situation has improved but further monitoring and engagement is required.

- The Mogadishu-Baidoa road is currently inaccessible. The Mogadishu – Afgoi – Lego – Wanlweyn – Burhakaba – Baidoa road is paved but the security situation remains volatile. 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 Training

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating Logistics Warehouse Management trainings throughout the country. Trainings have been facilitated in Mogadishu, Baidoa and Garowe and further trainings are planned in Berbera, Hargeisa, Dolow and Galkayo. Participants include representatives from the Government, NGOs and UN agencies. The trainings involve an introduction to the Logistics Cluster and interactive sessions on warehouse management and storage documentation. Training dates will be shared with all partners.

- In-depth training on Cold Chain Storage Management and Fumigation will also be facilitated in Mogadishu during the end of February. Training dates will be shared with all partners.

4. AOB

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

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