LOCATION: Drought Operations Coordination Centre (DOCC), Mogadishu, Somalia

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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Officer

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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 organizations 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.

- As the overall dependence on air transport services has decreased, also due to the shift to cash-based programmes in hard-to-reach areas, the number of WFP-chartered Antonov cargo planes prepositioned at the Mogadishu International Airport (MIA) remains two.

- For the transport of cargo by air, WFP operates two Antonov planes with maximum payload of 5.5 and 6.5 MT 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 should be submitted to the Logistics Cluster.

- Due to request from partners for storage facilities with heat-sensitive capability, the Logistics Cluster will now coordinate the installation of two temperature-controlled units (TCUs), instead of the one initially planned. The tender for civil works needed before the installation of the TCUs (each measuring 10x24m) was awarded. Both TCUs will be installed in the Mogadishu International Airport (MIA) compound. Once preparatory works have been completed a team of installation experts from Germany will arrive in Mogadishu.

- To date the Logistics Cluster have conducted Warehouse Management training in Mogadishu, Garowe, Baidoa, Bossaso, Hergaisa and Dolow. Another similar training is scheduled for Galkayo 5-6 March.

2. Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks

- Tax exemption delays for humanitarian goods are being experienced by some partners. Partners were encouraged to plan ahead or wait until receiving tax exemption certificates/clearance before shipping cargo. This will avoid unnecessary costs such as demurrage, port and storage charges.

- The Mogadishu – Baidoa corridor continues to be inaccessible by road transport due to the prevailing security situation. Agencies are encouraged to monitor the situation and share information in case of any positive developments.

- The banning of day movement of trucks within Mogadishu is not officially enforced but being applied on an ad hoc basis.

3. AOB

- Participants agreed continue with monthly coordination meetings.
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