LOCATION:  World Food Programme (WFP) Somalia Conference Room, Nairobi  
DATE:  19 September 2017  
CHAIR:  Logistics Cluster  
PARTICIPANTS:  ICRC, MSF, SCI, SOS CV, UNH AS, WFP  
ACTION POINTS:  
• Participants to share ideas for future logistics training sessions.  
• Logistics Cluster to share an update on the new procedures at the Bossaso Port  
• Logistics Cluster to follow up on current access status of the Mogadishu-Baidoa route  
• Logistics Cluster to follow up on reported minor customs clearance delays  
• Logistics Cluster meetings to be held once per month as agreed by participants.  
AGENDA:  
1. Operational Overview  
2. Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks  
3. 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.

- As the overall reliance 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) has been reduced from three to two.

- For the transport of cargo by air, WFP operates two Antonov planes with a maximum payload of 6 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 shall be submitted to the Logistics Cluster.

- UNHAS and the Logistics Cluster finalized and shared the new UNHAS Somalia Airfield Network: link.

- The UNHAS flight schedule has been renewed, to be valid up to December 2017: link.

- The WFP time-charter vessel remains available up to the end of 2017 for all partners on a cost-recovery basis. Evaluations will be carried out to identify needs in 2018. 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. Alpha Logistics remains a reliable and quick commercial alternative for the provision of sea transport services. WFP is also contracting small dhows of 1000-1500 mt capacity to quickly and efficiently move cargo between the Berbera and Bossaso ports, relying on small berths.

- Through WFP, the Temperature Controlled Unit (TCU) (10 x 24 m) is expected to be transported and installed in the Mogadishu International Airport (MIA) compound in October. The TCU will be made available to partners for short-term storage of heat sensitive items. A 40 ft refrigerated container continues to be available at the MIA for short-term storage of heat sensitive items.

- On 21 August, a comprehensive Warehouse Management Training was facilitated by the Logistics Cluster in Mogadishu for 16 participants, including representatives from the Government, NGOs and UN agencies. The training, which involved an introduction to the Cluster and interactive sessions on selecting warehouse sites and

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storage documentation, was held as part of the Cluster ongoing capacity building activities supported by WFP as lead agency. The training blog post is available here: [link](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/som14a).

- The Logistics Cluster plans to continue delivering trainings and encourages partners to share ideas for future training sessions, including topic and location preferences. MSF and SCI have proposed to facilitate a training in Garowe and ICRC has advised to facilitate sessions on fumigation and handling of dangerous goods.

- The Logistics Cluster continues advocating on access and infrastructure rehabilitation by donors. The rehabilitation of the Diinsoor airstrip is ongoing, including an extension from 800 m to 1400 m, and is expected to be completed in November. The Bardheere airstrip rehabilitation is also planned, followed by Hudur, Qansadhere, Afmadow and Dhobley. The Logistics Cluster is monitoring and supporting this process.

### 2. Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks

- The Berbera Port has been significantly congested causing operations to slow down due to security incidents, workers protests and managerial delays. Improvements are however expected in September. Delays are being experienced at the Bossaso Port as well due to the newly introduced additional procedures and documentations. WFP has planned a mission to understand the new system and Logistics Cluster partners will be advised.

- Recently introduced customs clearance procedures have caused occasional delays in clearing humanitarian relief items entering the country. The Logistics Cluster will work together with the Ministry of Finance to identify opportunities to speed up the process without compromising accountability and will share relevant guidance with humanitarian partners.

- Participants requested information on the current status of the route from Mogadishu to Baidoa. The situation remains volatile however, road transport is possible subject to access and security conditions. The minimum tonnage for transporters to support a request is 100 mt. The Logistics Cluster will further enquire on current access availability.

### 3. AOB

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

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