
LOCATION	Online/held remotely
DATE	13 October
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Catholic Relief Services (CRS), HALO Trust, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Somali Humanitarian Organization (SHO), TROCAIRE, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Logistics Cluster to develop and adapt the existing Basic Logistics Training to the Somalia context.• Partners with information on transport companies crossing Moyale crossing point to share contact details with the Logistics Cluster.• Partners to share their organisations' supplier databases for consolidation.• Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster as soon as possible with any cargo requirements to be airlifted to Beletwyne.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Action points review2. Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) Discussion3. Situation Update - <i>Flood Response & COVID 19</i>4. Logistics Trainings5. Flood preparedness planning and cargo consolidation discussion6. AOB

1. Action Points Review

- Partners to send the Logistics Cluster and OCHA feedback on the time taken to obtain tax exemption for their cargo – ***OCHA and Logistics Cluster consolidating inputs. Participants were asked to inform the Logistics Cluster if they had not received the template shared via the mailing list.***
- OCHA to share a template with partners via Logistics Cluster mailing list for gathering tax exemption information – ***completed.***
- Interested partners to reach out bilaterally as soon as possible for a consolidated cargo flight from Mogadishu before the flood season begins in October – ***ongoing.***

2. Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) Discussion

- The Logistics Cluster presented an overview on the Logistics Capacity Assessments (LCAs). These are compiled by WFP and hosted by the Logistics Cluster online covering over 50 countries via - <http://dlca.logcluster.org>.
- In terms of information available, the LCA contains details such as key details on infrastructure of ports, airports, road networks; contact lists of logistics service providers; information on cargo entry requirements. This information is captured in sections and chapters and can be downloaded / exported as a PDF or a Word document.
- The Logistics Cluster also asked that participants about additional information and topics their organisation would find useful to be included on the d-LCA. A poll was launched where the majority of respondents selected Port Services as an area on which they would like more information.
- A partner also asked for a breakdown of prices for warehousing and storage services that the Logistics Cluster can facilitate access to. The Logistics Cluster responded that in many emergency response operations a supplier's database is often requested – it was suggested that this be a collaborative exercise where the Logistics Cluster would facilitate the consolidation of partners' inputs and feedback.
- The Logistics Cluster noted that other requests had been received on sea transport options and more information on the status on airstrips – the latter was flagged as especially useful for partners. The Logistics Cluster confirmed that it would start to work on sharing more data on status of airstrips as an initial effort to gather updates through the LCAs.
- The Logistics Cluster also asked if there was any demand for discussions on regulations and rules. It was confirmed that the tax exemption discussion is sufficient for the moment – it is a work in progress.

3. Situation Update – Flood Response & COVID-19

- Airports in Somalia are open for local and international, passenger flights with the exception of Abudwak airport which is still closed for maintenance. The lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) extended until **17 October**.
- UNHAS has resumed its weekly flight on route Mogadishu – Nairobi -Mogadishu as of 23 August 2020. All passenger travels are subject to both governments' COVID-19 guidelines. The latest UNHAS flight schedule up to 31 October is available on the Logistics Cluster's Somalia Operation webpage.
- The Logistics Cluster has been advocating for Somalia Humanitarian Funding (SHF) for the current flood response in order to support the rapid air and road transportation of humanitarian cargo to affected areas. It will keep partners informed accordingly. It was highlighted that as per the SHF Strategy Paper – priority locations for the response will be **Banadir, Hiraan, Lower Juba, Lower Shabelle, Middle Shabelle**
- All ports remain operational. Partners to email otavio.costa@wfp.org / lucy.wambogo@wfp.org for enquiries regarding available space for bookings on Voyage 13 ex-Berbera. The latest schedule of the WFP time-chartered vessel MV Juist is available on the Logistics Cluster Somalia page and continues to be shared via the mailing list.

- Key roads in Somalia are accessible although subject to temporary closures. The latest [Logistics Cluster Flood Affected Roads Map](#) as of 06 July is available on the Somalia Logistics Cluster page. The Logistics Cluster will monitor the situation and inform partners accordingly.
- A Border Status Update was given: The Border between Belethawa, Doble and Elwak (Somalia) and Manderla (Kenya) remain closed. Borders between Ethiopia & Somalia remain closed though the local authorities from both sides periodically allow movement of people and commodities. Borders between Somaliland and Ethiopia & Somaliland and Djibouti remain open for cross border trade.
- Partners inquired about companies able to do the border crossing in between Kenya and Ethiopia considering Manderla border crossing as well as access through Somalia is challenging. Feedback was given on companies being able to cross to Ethiopia via Moyale crossing point.

4. Logistics Trainings

- The Logistics Cluster gave an overview of the different types of trainings offered by the Logistics Cluster:
 - **Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course** (could be available online). This is a two-day training and covers all aspects of the general supply chain focused on entry and mid-level logisticians with operational focus.
 - **Advanced Humanitarian Logistics Course** (could be available online). This is a two-day training covering more strategic and tactical decisions such as total cost analysis and risk management. It is focused on more experienced logisticians dealing with management/supervision of activities.
 - **Mobile Storage Unit Training** (*could convert some modules to be available online*).
- Participants were asked if there were additional curricula that their organisation might be interested in, in terms of trainings, which the Logistics Cluster would endeavour to develop. It was highlighted that this could be anything from weight and volume calculations, to extensive trainings in warehouse management.
- A partner responded that a warehouse management training would be very useful. Asset Management was also raised as a useful topic for a future training.

It was also suggested that perhaps the basic logistics training could be adapted to the Somalia context; and that for this training, the practical aspects would be more useful than theoretical aspects. The Cluster acknowledged that this would be taken on board and developed accordingly.

The Logistics Cluster also encouraged partners to use the online resources available at the Global Logistics Cluster platform via: <https://logcluster.org/trainings>

5. Flood Preparedness Planning and Cargo Consolidation Discussion

- The Cluster Coordinator highlighted that plans for prepositioning of cargo to Beletwyne, Baidoa and Jowhar continues as some indications from organisations with cargo for these locations.
- The Cluster has been contacting organisations bilaterally and organisations who have not been contacted were encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster if they have cargo to be consolidated. It was also highlighted that resources are available for limited period.

- At present there is roughly a full aircraft rotation's worth to Beletwyne – it was emphasised that partners should inform the Logistics Cluster as soon as possible if they have additional cargo that needs to be airlifted to Beletwyne.

6. AOB

- Participants were informed of the upcoming online Global Logistics Cluster Meeting and asked to save the date of 21 & 22 October. The Agenda will be share via the mailing list as soon as available. In the meantime participants were encouraged to register via: <https://logcluster.org/glm2020-registration>
- The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 27 October at 11:00 (Nairobi-time).
- Participants were asked what topic they would like to discuss at the next Logistics Cluster Meeting – the Cluster Coordinator suggested that the next meeting be a continued discussion on the topics raised around the LCAs and this was agreed.

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