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28 April 2020

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

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ACTION POINTS
- Logistics Cluster to follow up for more detailed information on the impact of flooding in Hiiran region.
- Organisations expressed interest in consolidating their cargo to cost-share flights to the different flood affected areas; Logistics Cluster to follow up with all partners.
- Logistics Cluster to follow up with partners regarding main cargo airlift needs and to facilitate cargo consolidation if required.
- Logistics Cluster to convene a meeting to discuss the strategic use of all corridors and available transport modalities.
- MSF is looking for information on where to source the packages/boxes for Dangerous Goods in Nairobi. If any organisations have information to share, please contact: logco-dep@somalia.msf.org.
- Organisations were reminded to please share their Skype IDs with PAH to join the Skype group if interested: aleksandra.peszkowska@pah.org.pl.

AGENDA
1. Situation Update
2. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations
3. COVID-19 Response / Update on the WFP Global Service Provision Plan
4. AOB

1. Situation Update

- An update on the floods across Somalia was shared based on the latest OCHA update. Key highlights include:

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- **South West:** Baidoa reported to be most affected with a total of 73 IDP sites (13,582 HHs / 81,000 individuals). Shelter, latrines, food supplies and household items have been reported to be washed away.
- **Puntland:** 4,500 people affected in Bossaso district.
- **Jubaland:** in Dhobley, 2,000 people have been affected and 400 people displaced. No impact reported for Dolow. In Bardheere, there are reports of over 90% of crops lost and roads damaged, having an impact on prices of commodities on the market.
- **Banadir:** 720 people have been affected in Mogadishu and there are reports of flooded settlements.
- **Galmudug:** heavy rains reported in Dhuusamareb.
- **Somaliland:** heavy rains but no impact reported.
- **Shabelle River:** Heavy rains reported within the Shabelle basin both in Ethiopia and inside Somalia have led to a drastic increase in river levels along the Shabelle River with a high risk of flooding.

- One organisation requested an update on the impact of flooding in the Hiiran region; Logistics Cluster to follow up for more detailed information.
- Organisations were informed that due to funding limitations, free-to-user airlifts to the flood-affected areas are not possible. Air transport for cargo is available on a cost recovery basis only. Organisations expressed interest in consolidating their cargo to cost-share flights to the different flood affected areas; Logistics Cluster to follow up with all partners.
- As of 27 April 2020, there are 480 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Somalia with 26 confirmed deaths.
- All ports that were operational and used for humanitarian cargo movements before COVID-19 remain operational which includes Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, and Bossaso, in addition to Mombasa in Kenya.
- Cargo flights continue to operate across Somalia; passenger flights remain suspended.
- Internal movement for trucks has not yet been restricted by state-level restrictions and curfews.

### 2. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations

- The Logistics Cluster briefed organisations on the objective of the Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations and explained there are three main pillars: coordination, information management, and facilitation of access to logistics services. Each pillar was discussed in detail and organisations were reminded that all elements of the Concept of Operations are to be supported by the Logistics Cluster group as a whole, not by one organisation. All activities are also subject to funding/resource availability.
- The key activities of each pillar were discussed and agreed upon as per the following:

  **Coordination**

  The Logistics Cluster will:

  - **Organise regular and ad hoc Logistics Cluster coordination meetings** to strengthen coordination among organisations, harmonize response efforts, and discuss common supply chain challenges.
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- **Liaise with authorities and relevant national and international parties** on behalf of the humanitarian community, to raise logistics issues of common concern, including customs clearance procedures and logistical access.

- **Support humanitarian organisations to develop emergency preparedness activities** in order to mitigate disruption of existing supply chains and anticipate mitigation measures.

- **Provide a forum to discuss sector-specific logistics operations**, including the facilitation of health logistics discussions in cooperation with the Health Sector and relevant stakeholders.

- **Design and implement tailored capacity strengthening activities** on core humanitarian logistics capabilities, focused on national actors.

**Information Management**

The Logistics Cluster will:

- **Consolidate and disseminate information on the overall logistics situation** including logistics gaps and bottlenecks, local supply chain capacity, storage and transport capacities and vulnerabilities, existing regulations measures impacting supply chains, and health supply chain information, where possible.

- **Analyse logistics operational context and generate support structures** to support decision making.

- **Update partners with operational updates** through the publication of situation updates, meeting minutes, snapshots, and briefings.

- **Maintain information sharing platforms** including a common mailing list and a dedicated Somalia Operation webpage on the Logistics Cluster website to disseminate relevant and up-to-date logistics information.

- **Map logistics infrastructure** through Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services.

**Logistics Services** (provided on a cost recovery basis/partial cost recovery or free-to-user depending on funding availability)

- **Storage**: Storage can be made available in 10 locations throughout Somalia on request. Storage services include consolidation, storage and dispatch of cargo on behalf of organisations. Locations include: Mogadishu, Kismayo, Galkayo, Dhobley, Dollow, Dhushamareb, Baidoa, Bossaso, Berbera, and Hargeisa. Temperature-controlled storage service is available in Mogadishu and Bossaso.

- **Air transport**: Air transport is available from Mogadishu to locations throughout Somalia through WFP aviation, based on request.

- **Road transport**: Facilitation of road transportation services between key strategic locations is available upon request.

- **Sea transport**: Cargo shipping services are available to the following destinations from Mombasa or other ports within Somalia: Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, Bossaso.

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One organisation requested information regarding the main consolidation point for cargo for airlifts. The Logistics Cluster confirmed the majority of cargo airlifts needs are from Mogadishu however there are also cargo flights operated by WFP/UNHAS from Nairobi to Mogadishu. The Logistics Cluster is to follow up with partners regarding main cargo airlift needs and to facilitate cargo consolidation if required.

Organisations expressed the need to have regular updates and information on the operating environment, especially in the COVID-19 context. The Logistics Cluster confirmed regular updates will be published on the website and circulated on the mailing list.

An organisation requested that strategic prepositioning hubs are to be explored further in relation to the activities around emergency preparedness.

One organisation raised a question on how WFP service provision rates are established. The Logistics Cluster confirmed the rates are based on actual contracts in place with a 4.5% management cost recovery fee which is in line with corporate guidance.

An organisation requested more information regarding costing of airlifts when done on a cost-recovery basis. The Logistics Cluster advised that when the cargo load is shared by several organisations, a rate is applied based on the weight/volume of the cargo. The costs vary based on length of the route and the type of aircraft utilized. When an organisation requires a full rotation dedicated to their cargo, the full cost of the rotation for the specific asset is payable.

An organisation expressed concern over the continued closure of Mandera border (Kenya-Somalia) which makes organisations rely on airlift to serve border regions in Somalia. The Logistics Cluster was requested to explore other options via Ethiopia. The Logistics Cluster confirmed that the Berbera corridor to Ethiopia remains operational. A meeting to discuss use of all corridors and transport modalities to be arranged.

3. COVID-19 Response / Update on the WFP Global Service Provision Plan

- As part of the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan, WFP is offering cargo transport services to support the humanitarian community. These services, available to the entire humanitarian community, will include free-to-user international cargo movement from strategic consolidation hubs to regional staging areas and to country capitals (subject to funding availability).
- Strategic consolidation hubs are located in Guangzhou (China), Dubai (UAE), and Liège (Belgium).
- Regional staging areas are located in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Panama City (Panama), Accra (Ghana), and Johannesburg (South Africa).
- The Logistics Cluster will ensure key information is updated on the webpage and will share more information regarding global passenger transport when available.
4. AOB

- MSF is looking for information on where to source the packages/boxes for Dangerous Goods in Nairobi. If any organisations have information to share, please contact: logco-dep@somalia.msf.org.
- The next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be held on 12 May at 11:00.
- Organisations were reminded to please share their Skype IDs with PAH to join the Skype group if interested: aleksandra.peszkowska@pah.org.pl.

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