LOCATION: Online/held remotely

DATE: 12 May 2020

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: American Refugee Committee (ARC), Action Against Hunger (ACF), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Concern Worldwide, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Finn Church Aid, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Marginalized Communities Advocates, Save the Children, UNHAS, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN OCHA, WFP, WHO, World Vision International

ACTION POINTS:

- Partners to inform Logistics Cluster of flood response needs – specifically airlift requirements.
- Partners to inform Logistics Cluster of any updates on road access constraints due to flooding – Logistics Cluster to share Flood-Affected Roads Access Constraints Map once finalised.
- Logistics Cluster to follow up with OCHA and relevant authorities on expediting tax exemption process.
- Partners to fill out Service Level Agreement (SLA) form for all cargo movement requests provided through WFP service provision.
- Logistics Cluster to share provisional UNHAS cargo flight schedule with partners.
- Logistics Cluster to follow up with UNHCR on the charter flight from Dubai to Mogadishu and onward transport of cargo.
- WHO to share more information on Partner Portal at next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting.
- UNHAS to inform Logistics Cluster once helicopter and charter flight via Addis Ababa is available.

AGENDA:

1. Situation update
2. Action points review
3. Flood Response
4. COVID-19 Response
5. Logistics Services/Service Marketplace
6. AOB

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1. Situation Update

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator confirmed that key airports remain open for cargo (but closed for passengers). Airlift capacity is available but on full cost recovery basis as no funding has yet been secured to enable these services to be offered as free-to-user.
- The UNHAS provisional cargo schedule is now available online: https://logcluster.org/document/unhas-somalia-provisional-cargo-flight-schedule-may-2020. Additional details – UNHAS Standard Administrative and Operating Procedures (SAOPs), Booking Forms and Shipper’s Declaration for Dangerous Goods – are also available on the Logistics Cluster Somalia page and will be shared with participants through the mailing list.
- Ports remain operational (Mombasa, Djibouti, and ports within Somalia: Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, Bossaso) however some loading delays have been experienced due to social distancing measures in place at Mombasa port.
- All common logistics services will continue to be offered on a full cost recovery basis until funding has been secured.

2. Action Points Review

- The Action Points from the previous Coordination Meeting on 28 April (minutes to be found here) were reviewed:
  - The Logistics Cluster followed up on the impact of flooding in Hiiran region, highlighting that as per latest OCHA flood information updates, the Shabelle River breakage has resulted in the displacement of over 115,000 people in Beletweyne.
  - Organisations expressed interest in consolidating their cargo to cost share flights to the different flood affected areas and the Logistics Cluster continues to follow up with all partners.
  - The Logistics Cluster continues to follow up with partners regarding prioritised cargo airlift needs and to facilitate cargo consolidation where requested.
  - The Logistics Cluster is organising a meeting to discuss the strategic use of key corridors and available transport modalities – this would focus on the Ethiopia and the Central regions.
  - As raised in the previous meeting, 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 to share their Skype IDs with PAH to join the Skype group if interested: aleksandra.peszkowska@pah.org.pl.

3. Flood Response

- The Logistics Cluster is consolidating information on flood-affected areas and a map will be shared as soon as finalised. Partners are encouraged to share any updates on road access and access constraints that they have faced/are facing as a result of the flood response.

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Access Update

N.B. The situation is subject to change

**Bardhere to Baidoa**
- Bardhere - Qansaxdhore - Awdiile - Baidoa: closed for large vehicles – small vehicles of maxium 3 mt capacity can use this road to supply food to the town.
- Bardhere - Baidoa: closed - no vehicle used this route since the beginning of the rains.

**Bardhere – Kismayo**
- Bardhere - Sakow - Bu’ale - Jilib: closed for big trucks – small vehicles of maximum 3 mt capacity can use this road.
- Kismayo - Afmadow: closed
- Kismayo - Qoqani - Dobley: closed
- Baidoa - Bardale - Yurkud - LUQ - Dolow: closed, expected to open if it doesn’t rain in the coming days.

**Bosasso**
- All roads currently accessible.
- Flash floods causing intermittent closures of main road between Bosasso and Qardo - El Dahir town.

**Galkayo**
- Roads linking Bacaadweyne to Galkayo: accessible (reports of an increase in transporter costs)
- Galkayo - Adado - Baxdo - Xiinlabe to Bacaadweyne (approx. 280 m): accessible

**Zaila**
- Dokhoshi to Zaila is accessible
- Togdheer region is fully accessible
- Sanaag region fully accessible except: Erigavo to Dhoob, Erigavo to Ragcadeye and Erigavo to Kulmiye

- According to the latest OCHA update, South-West state Baidoa remains the worst affected area and reports have been received of transport costs increasing.
- As a result of the Shabelle river breakage, 17,300 people have been affected and there has been significant infrastructure damage.
- There have been forecasts for increased rainfall in the southern regions as well as the Ethiopian highlands. More rain is also expected in the Juba and Shabelle river basins, while there will be a slight reduction in the northern regions. Moderate to high flood risk is likely to persist through mid-May, threatening urban and riverine populations and low-lying areas.
- The Logistics Cluster also briefed participants on the latest flood situation updates from OCHA as of 11 May, which will be shared with partners through the mailing list:
  - Puntland - Qardho-Bosasso road damaged in some sections and disrupting commercial transport.
  - Hirshabelle - Shabelle River levels continue to rise.
  - Jubaland – Dhobley, Doolow - 90 new AWD cases reported Doolow, Jubaland, on 9 May. River flooding damaged 600 farms/10,000 hectares along Dawa river farmland between Doolow and Belet Xaawo.
  - Galmudug - heavy rains on 2 May.
  - Somaliland - heavy rains but no critical logistics impact.

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• Partners confirmed existing constraints for commercial transporters on accessing Berdale and Qansadhere due to security concerns.

• The cluster confirmed that an aircraft delivered UNSOS-donated sandbags to Jowhar and Beletwzenie yesterday and over the weekend on behalf of the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), as the airstrip had slightly dried up following flooding last week.

• The cluster reiterated the need for participants to share their requirements for airlifts – so far only requests for movement of NFIs, shelter items, and health supplies have been received – as more detail on cargo volume is needed to optimise this common service. Partners have flagged that their major challenge is a lack of financing for airlifts. The Logistics Cluster confirmed that it is investigating potential funding solutions, one of which is CERF. The Logistics Cluster will keep participants informed of any developments.

• The Logistics Cluster highlighted that the lockdown continues in Mogadishu and that transporters have been facing difficulties accessing the airport. So far WFP has not experienced issues that have affected operations. UNICEF confirmed that it is not facing difficulties accessing the airport or getting cargo onto commercial flights. WHO also confirmed that it is not facing major issues bringing supplies into the airport from its local warehouse. UNHCR confirmed it accesses the airport through UNSOS’ security focal point and has so far encountered no issues.

• UNICEF asked if it would be possible to receive the UNHAS e-ticket 48 hours before flight departure to ensure that cargo may be delivered to the aircraft in time. UNHAS confirmed that flight departure depends on the amount of cargo requests received. It would be advisable to liaise with UNHAS focal points in Mogadishu for confirmation as far in advance as feasible to facilitate ease of planning for users.

4. COVID-19 Response

• The Ethiopia-Somalia and Kenya-Somalia borders remain closed for commercial cargo transporters; Berbera corridor remains operational for WFP. No reports have been received of restrictions for internal movement for humanitarian supplies.

• The Logistics Cluster is facilitating airlifts on behalf of the Ministry of Health, Office of the Prime Minister, WHO and other key health partners, and is advocating for Somalia Humanitarian Fund (SHF) funds for COVID-19 transport support. The cluster will keep participants informed as soon as any funding becomes available.

• UNICEF highlighted that it has experienced issues with delays in receiving tax exemption letters for the approval of air freight, currently averaging two weeks. OCHA confirmed that this issue has been raised to the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) who is writing to the Office of the Prime Minister to ask for a reduction in the amount of time to issue exemptions. The Logistics Cluster confirmed it would follow up with OCHA and monitor this situation.

• UNICEF also highlighted that the Kenyan authorities required the repacking of a consignment of hand sanitisers as ‘dangerous goods’ before it could be airlifted. UNHAS confirmed that any items containing...
alcohol had to be labelled as ‘dangerous goods’. If in doubt, please contact UNHAS to seek clarification, as UNHAS will liaise with its respective operators and seek clear guidance on Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR) vis-à-vis the request, including identification, categorisation, maximum quantities allowed, packaging, marking, labelling, etc., which will then be shared with the shipper.

5. Logistics Services/Service Marketplace

- The Logistics Cluster emphasised the need for partners’ feedback on the Service Marketplace. Users must click ‘check out’ when completing the request otherwise it is not received for processing.
- It was also emphasised that partners must fill out an SLA for all WFP service provision requests provided on a full-cost recovery. This has no financial implication but is a framework agreement for full cost recovery services.
- Partners were advised to contact the Logistics Cluster should they face any issues calculating the weight and volume of their cargo as these elements are difficult to amend once the request has been submitted.
- WHO asked a question about the difference between the Service Marketplace and the Emergency Service Marketplace. The latter is for the upstream logistics services from global or regional hubs. The Service Marketplace at local level is to support the downstream logistics services in Somalia. The Global Emergency Service Marketplace is organised through WFP but if organisations have issues on second-leg, downstream transportation into Somalia or within Somalia then this should be directed through the Somalia Logistics Cluster team. Detailed information on the available global services and guidelines on how to access them is available here: [https://emergency.servicemarketplace.wfp.org/faq](https://emergency.servicemarketplace.wfp.org/faq).

4. AOB

- UNHAS is mobilising an Mi8 Helicopter for the flood response which should be available in Mogadishu by next weekend and partners will be updated accordingly. UNHAS is undertaking the necessary arrangements to support passengers and light cargo flights for Mogadishu-Addis-Mogadishu. The first flight is planned for 21 May and is to be confirmed through official notification from UNHAS Somalia to its users.
- Two new members have joined the Logistics Cluster Somalia team – a Logistics Officer and an Information Management Officer. Full contact details are below.
- The Partner Portal for WHO has been launched. WHO emphasised that this is different to the Supplier Portal and will give a full update at the next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting.

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 26 May at 11:00 EAT.
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