## Meeting Minutes, 26 May 2020

### Somalia Logistics Cluster

**LOCATION**
Online/held remotely

**DATE**
26 May 2020

**CHAIR**
Logistics Cluster

**PARTICIPANTS**
Action Against Hunger (ACF), Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI), ECHO, FAO, Formal Education Network for Private Schools (FENPS), HALO Trust, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), OCHA, OXFAM, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP

### ACTION POINTS

- Partners to inform Logistics Cluster of any updates on road access to inform the update of the Flood-Affected Roads Map.
- Partners to send cargo and/or passenger movement details to Logistics Cluster & ECHO for potential humanitarian airbridge flight by COB 28 May.
- Partners to share feedback on usability of Service Marketplace and interest in trainings on the platform facilitated by Logistics Cluster.
- Logistics Cluster to send out a Warehouse Capacity Assessment form for partners to complete.
- Logistics Cluster to contact partners for specific requirements for future cargo movement needs to inform pipeline planning.
- Partners to contact UNHAS for passenger bookings on flight Mogadishu-Addis-Mogadishu departing 28 May.

### AGENDA

1. Situation update
2. Flood Response
3. COVID-19 Response
4. Service Marketplace
5. AOB

https://logcluster.org/ops/som20a
1. Situation Update

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator confirmed that key airports remain open for cargo (but closed for passengers). It was noted that Hargeisa Airport has remained open for passengers for Ethiopian Airlines flights to/from Addis.

- 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.

- 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. The Logistics Cluster shared details on the tentative schedule of the WFP time-chartered vessel (MV Juist) last week via the mailing list. Partners were informed that due to some delays in Berbera, the ETA for the WFP time-chartered vessel for Mogadishu is now 06 June and estimated time of sailing (ETS) is 19 June. The Logistics Cluster will update partners as and when new information is available.

- All common logistics services will continue to be offered on a full cost recovery basis until funding has been secured. The Logistics Cluster has been advocating for CERF (flood response) and SHF (COVID-19 response) funds; CERF funding process for the flood response is in its final stages. The cluster will keep participants informed as soon as any funding becomes available.

2. Action Points Review

- The Action Points from the previous Coordination Meeting on 12 May (minutes to be found here) were reviewed:
  - Partners to inform Logistics Cluster of flood response needs – specifically airlift requirements – **ongoing**. Partners were encouraged to continue to send 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 – **completed**. **Partners to supply Logistics Cluster with any additional information to be included in the next update of the map.**
  - Logistics Cluster to follow up with OCHA and relevant authorities on expediting tax exemption process – **completed**. A letter has been sent to the Prime Minister but as yet no response received. OCHA, via the Logistics Cluster, will keep partners informed.
  - Partners to fill out Service Level Agreement (SLA) form for all cargo movement requests provided through WFP service provision – **ongoing**.
  - Logistics Cluster to share provisional UNHAS cargo flight schedule with partners – **completed**. Partners will be kept informed of any updates to the schedule.
  - Logistics Cluster to follow up with UNHCR on the charter flight from Dubai to Mogadishu and onward transport of cargo – **completed**.
  - WHO to share more information on Partner Portal at next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting – **completed**. A webinar on the Partner Portal was held by WHO on 20 May.
UNHAS to inform Logistics Cluster once helicopter and charter flight via Addis Ababa is available – completed, *flight to Addis Ababa from Mogadishu took place on 21 May*. *UNHAS emphasised that the helicopter deployment is to support where there is no fixed-wing access.*

**Update on ECHO Humanitarian Airbridge - Morten R. Petersen**

- ECHO has been scoping interest and needs for cargo and passenger transport from Europe direct to Mogadishu. It was highlighted that cargo does not have to be specifically COVID-19 related.
- Response from partners has been limited – only 6 mt in total so far. The flight would potentially depart from Brindisi mid-June, however this is yet to be confirmed as ETD will be based on cargo requests.
- For the passenger transport element of this offer, ECHO advised that partners would need to make their own journey to the departure airport. It was confirmed by UNHAS that passengers are currently only permitted to enter Somalia with prior approval from the government.
- ECHO emphasised that the offer is still open, however in order to be able to organise this potential flight, requests and details on cargo would need to be submitted by 28 May. The Logistics Cluster will send a reminder with all relevant details to the mailing list.

**3. Flood Response**

- The Logistics Cluster is consolidating information on flood-affected areas and has published a map on Flood-Affected Roads as of 20 May: [https://logcluster.org/map/somalia-flood-affected-roads-map-20-may-2020](https://logcluster.org/map/somalia-flood-affected-roads-map-20-may-2020). Partners were encouraged to share any updates on road access and access constraints that they have faced/are facing as a result of the flood response. A brief access overview was given on key areas:

  **Bardhere to Baidoa**
  - Bardhere – Qansaxdhere – Awdiile – Baidoa: closed for large vehicles – small vehicles of maximum 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.

  **Galkayo**
  - Roads linking Bacaadweyne to Galkayo: accessible (a reported increase in transporter costs).
  - Galkayo – Adado – Baxdo - Xiinlabe to Bacaadweyne (approx. 280m): accessible.

- The Logistics Cluster gave an update on the latest information on the floods from FAO Somalia Water and Land Information Management (SWALIM):
  - A reduction in rainfall is predicted from 25 May, but the high to moderate flood risk along the Juba and Shabelle rivers is likely to persist due to continuing high flows from upper catchments.
  - In the downstream areas of Middle Shabelle such as Jowhar district, a gradual recession of flood water is reported.
  - Along the Juba river, the water level is at bankfull in some parts of Gedo region such as Baardheere, Doolow and Luuq.
  - Downstream areas of Saakow, Buaale, Jilib and Jamame districts are flooded – but gradual drop in water levels reported.
Across Somalia, flash and riverine floods affected nearly a million people, displaced 412,000 and killed 26 people in 29 districts.

Worst affected has been Hiraan region/River Shabelle where 240,000 people including 11,400 IDPs were displaced – but flood waters started receding on 19 May.

The Logistics Cluster also gave an overview of the latest OCHA updates on the flood response:

- **Galmudug State**: Reduced rainfall over past week. In Xeraale town, storms brought down telecommunication masts and partially damaged six houses. The road linking Gaalkacyo to Hobyo and other outlying villages such as Wisil and Bacaadweyne re-opened after the rainwater dried up.

- **Hirshabelle State**: Reports from the upper stream villages indicate that the Shabelle river level significantly receded. A reduction of rainfall in the last week along the Shabelle basin, which extends into the Ethiopian highlands, will further reduce the risk of flooding as the water recedes gradually.

- **South West State**: As of 17 May, water levels in several villages of Afgooye district (Mashani, Wagadi and Majabto) and sections of Qoryooleey and Marka receded, which could allow the possible return of displaced families should there be no rains in the coming days. Access on major roads improved as flood waters recede, but secondary routes remain impassable. Commercial trucks ferrying commodities that were stranded on the Mogadishu - Baidoa road have now reached Baidoa.

- **Jubaland State**: According to preliminary findings by flood impact assessment teams, over 57,000 people were affected by flash floods in Kismayo district, notably in Kismayo town and Abdille Birole, Yontoy, Bula Gudud and Gobwewn locations. In the past week, communities have reported rising river levels above the moderate flooding levels in Buaale, Saakow and Jilib districts in Middle Juba region.

- A dedicated UNHAS Mi8 helicopter has been deployed for the flood response – the Logistics Cluster is coordinating requests of partners to utilise this asset.

- Requests have been received for the movement of non-food items for the flood response – the Logistics Cluster reiterated that where possible, partners should submit details on volume of their cargo i.e. CBM. Oversized cargo may need to be rearranged to allow loading in the aircraft such as splitting wrapped pallets and large boxes.

- The Logistics Cluster requested partners to also share the safety datasheet for cargo that may have specific handling requirements and regulations for assessment of air transport suitability. In particular partners planning to transport equipments, chemicals or pressurised items should seek details of the cargo handling requirements.

### 4. COVID-19 Response

- Latest reports indicate that 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 on internal movement of humanitarian supplies across different regions within Somalia.

- The Logistics Cluster has received requests for airlifts from Nairobi to Mogadishu – the cargo so far has been too large to carry on available smaller UNHAS aircraft. The Logistics Cluster inquired as to whether partners would be interested in the Logistics Cluster facilitating the use of larger aircraft to meet these requirements, and encourages partners to contact the Logistics Cluster bilaterally.

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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 reiterated that partners must fill out an SLA for all WFP service provision requests provided on a full cost recovery basis. This has no financial implication but is a framework agreement for full cost recovery services.
- Partners should contact the Logistics Cluster if they face any issues and inform the Logistics Cluster if their organisation would like to receive a training on the Service Marketplace, which the Logistics Cluster can facilitate.

Warehouse Capacity Assessment

- The Logistics Cluster aims to identify partners’ capacity in-country and any gaps in warehousing. Partners were encouraged to share their warehousing capacity so that the Logistics Cluster can map these facilities. To systemise this data collection, the Logistics Cluster will share an online form via Kobo with all partners via the mailing list.

4. AOB

- To support pipeline planning, the Logistics Cluster Pipeline Planning will send out an email to collect a rough estimation of partners’ future cargo movement plans.
- The Logistics Cluster has a new team member in Mogadishu - Logistics Officer Ali Yackub – who is supporting the movement of partners’ cargo ex-Mogadishu. His contact details may be found below.
- The Logistics Cluster confirmed to IOM that their ventilators which were being transported from China to Ethiopia through the WFP Global Service Provision Plan had arrived in Addis and will update IOM as soon as more information is available.
- In light of the security incident yesterday in Qansadere, WFP confirmed that security focal points are assessing the situation and partners would be informed if any more updates are available. Currently no additional areas have been reported inaccessible.
- UNHAS is organising an ad hoc passenger and cargo flight on 28 May, route Mogadishu-Addis-Mogadishu. There is large available capacity for cargo and passengers on route Addis-Mogadishu. Partners should contact UNHAS to book on this flight at unhas.somalia@wfp.org having filled out the booking form found here.

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 09 June at 11:00 EAT.
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