Somalia Logistics Cluster



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CHAIR Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Formal Education

Network for Private Schools (FENPs), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), OCHA, Polska Akcja Humanitarian

(PAH), UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP

#### **ACTION POINTS**

- Partners to email <u>otavio.costa@wfp.org</u> / <u>lucy.wambogo@wfp.org</u> for enquiries re. available space on WFP time-chartered vessel MV Juist's Voyage 12.
- Partners to inform Logistics Cluster of cargo requirement needs specifically future pipeline plans – bilaterally or via the surveys shared.
- Partners to send cargo and passenger requirements regarding potential humanitarian airbridge from Europe to Mogadishu to ECHO focal point Morten.Petersen@echofield.eu
- Partners to provide feedback to Logistics Cluster bilaterally regarding capacity-building training needs.
- OCHA to follow up on request letter submitted to Government on fasttracking tax exemption approval.

### AGENDA

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

### 1. Situation Update

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator confirmed that key airports remain open for cargo (but closed for passengers). Local flights have resumed within Somalia as of 5 July, however international flights have not yet resumed. The only airports receiving international passengers remain Mogadishu and Hargeisa (Ethiopian Airlines from Addis Ababa).
- The lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) has been extended until 11 July. WFP trucks continue to have access and has stationed key staff inside the airport to ensure smooth air operations. Logistics Cluster will keep monitoring the situation. It has not seemed to have impacted operations thus far.
- Having received authorisation from Somali and Ethiopian Governments, WFP Aviation is chartering flights
  within the East Africa region. The provisional schedule for passenger and light cargo flights for MogadishuAddis will be on Thursdays and Fridays.

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- Road access continues to ease. The latest <u>Flood Affected Road Map</u> as of 6 July has been shared with
  partners via the mailing list and published on the Logistics Cluster Somalia page. Partners were encouraged
  to share any access information with the Logistics Cluster to help keep all partners informed.
- The Kenya-Somalia land borders remain closed for commercial entities. Last week the Dolo Ado (Ethiopia) Dolo (Somalia) border was temporarily opened allowing cross border trade of food commodities,
  however; the border is now closed. The Somaliland-Ethiopia (Berbera corridor) and Central SomaliaEthiopia borders remain open but strictly for commercial trade.
- Ports remain operational (Mombasa, Djibouti, and ports within Somalia: Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, Bossaso). Delays previously experienced at Mombasa port have now ceased.
- The Logistics Cluster shared details on the latest tentative schedule of the WFP time-chartered vessel (MV Juist) last week via the mailing list. Partners to contact lucy.wambundo@wfp.org and otavio.costa@wfp.org for related inquiries space is now available and bookings are now being taken for ex-Mogadishu to Berbera & Bossaso.

#### 2. Action Points Review

- Partners to send cargo and passenger requirements regarding potential humanitarian airbridge from Europe
  to Mogadishu to ECHO focal point <u>Morten.Petersen@echofield.eu</u> ongoing 3 flights scheduled for cargo
  only from Brindisi, Italy to Mogadishu. Possible fourth flight to be organised for end July depending on
  requirements
- Partners to complete Pipeline Planning and Warehouse Capacity Assessment Surveys links to be shared via the mailing list – completed + ongoing

### 3. Flood Response

- Road access continues to ease. The latest Flood Affected Road Map as of 6 July has been shared with
  partners via the mailing list and published on the Logistics Cluster Somalia page. Partners were
  encouraged to share any access information with the Logistics Cluster to help keep all partners informed.
- A brief access overview was given on key areas.
  - Ex Bossaso all roads are dry and accessible
  - Ex. Galkayo all roads are accessible and open, including the road linking to Bacaadweyne of south Mudug
  - o For Bardhere Kismayo all roads are currently accessible
  - o Bardhere Baidoa all roads are currently accessible
- The Logistics Cluster informed participants of an update from OCHA on 6 July: the breakage of the river in Afgooye district caused overflowing risk in different areas including Dhagah Tuur (especially Dhamaley), Bal-Guri and Raqayle and Eel. Qode (particularly Aytiro) has left more than 150 displaced. No impact on road access has been reported. Logistics Cluster will keep participants informed as things evolve.
- The Logistics Cluster gave an overview of the latest information on the Desert Locust Response. The <u>FAO</u>
   <u>Desert Locust Bulletin</u> as of 3 July has forecast that additional swarms from the south and from Yemen are likely to arrive in the north where they are expected to concentrate and move eastwards across the northern

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plateau. Mature swarms could lay in areas where conditions remain favourable, causing another generation of hopper bands. The operational impact of these swarms remains unclear.

- The latest OCHA update as of 3 July highlighted that swarms that concentrate in northern Somalia are likely
  to move east to the Indo-Pakistan summer breeding areas, and that Somalia should remain on high alert
  over the next 4 weeks. The Logistics Cluster will continue to share relevant information with partners as
  available.
- The Logistics Cluster gave a brief update on airlift capacity:
  - o Requests to facilitate transportation of Shelter / NFIs and health items continue to be received.
  - The Logistics Cluster noted that few requests have been received from organisations for their future cargo movement plans. It was emphasised that the forward planning information would help the Logistics Cluster better support organisations' requests, as this visibility would enable centralised and streamlined planning.
  - o Partners were encouraged to contact the Logistics Cluster with any future plans even smaller airlift requirements so these can be consolidated, and a solution be found to support the delivery of these items. This may be done bilaterally or via the survey which was shared via the mailing list: <a href="https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/liGzMBi2n">https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/liGzMBi2n</a>
- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that CERF funding has been allocated for flood response and they continue to advocate for Somalia Humanitarian Fund (SHF) funds for COVID-19 transport support. The SHF application is in its final stages.

## 4. COVID-19 Response

- As of 7 July, there are a reported 3,006 cases of COVID-19 and 92 deaths. Internal movement for humanitarian supplies continues not to be restricted. Partners were encouraged to share any information on access constraints, especially on the Ethiopia border crossings.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate airlifts on behalf of Ministry of Health, Office of PM, WHO and
  other key health partners. The Logistics Cluster is advocating for SHF resources for COVID-19
  transport support and will update partners accordingly.
- Partners were updated on the status of the potential ECHO Humanitarian Airbridge: three cargo-only flights have been confirmed from Brindisi, Italy to Mogadishu. The second flight is scheduled to depart on 8 July. The third flight is still pending confirmation due to lack of cargo readiness this is tentatively scheduled for the third week of July. A possible fourth flight may be scheduled for end-July / beginning of August. This will be based on needs. Partners were encouraged to contact ECHO focal points <a href="Johan.Heffinck@echofield.eu">Johan.Heffinck@echofield.eu</a> / Morten.Petersen@echofield.eu with their requests.

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#### **UNHAS Updates**

- An update was given by Bernard de Wouters, Aviation Officer, WFP Somalia:
  - The latest schedule of the WFP Aviation Global flights has resumed to operating as previously -Kenyatta Nairobi, Mogadishu - Addis Ababa – on Thursdays and Addis Ababa – Mogadishu on Fridays.
  - WFP are adding three global passenger flights per week, on route Nairobi Addis Ababa Nairobi. All
    this information is available on the <u>Humanitarian Booking Hub</u>.
  - o Presently until the end of July, all airports within Somalia territory are tentatively closed for international passenger flights. Participants will be kept informed of any updates on these closures.
  - O Baidoa airport continues to be closed on Fridays and Saturdays for maintenance works, as well as Abudwak airport which is still closed for maintenance.
  - All airports in Somalia are open to local passenger flights.
  - The latest UNHAS schedule for flights within Somalia is available <u>here</u> on the Logistics Cluster Somalia page.
  - Travel to Somaliland Eagle Intl airport Hargeisa: all passengers must show proof of and carry a negative COVID-19 test, issued by a reliable laboratory/agency, which must have been issued no more than 4 days prior to travel. All passengers should fill in the COVID-19 form in the aircraft before landing. Passengers who do not present a certified test must undergo a 14-day mandatory quarantine and quarantine costs plus laboratory costs will be paid by the passenger.
- A participant asked about the possible resumption of regular passenger flights between Mogadishu and Nairobi. UNHAS noted that Kenya plans to permit international flights from 1 August however there is no indication at this stage when Mogadishu civil aviation authority will permit passenger movements from Nairobi.
- A participant asked about cargo flights from Mogadishu and Nairobi. UNHAS responded that these flights
  are currently scheduled on Sundays, however their frequency is based on need; more flights may be
  scheduled if cargo movement requirements increase.

#### **5. AOB**

- OCHA informed partners that they have not yet received a response from the Government regarding the
  request to fast-track customs clearance procedures. OCHA will update partners once information is
  available.
- The Logistics Cluster asked participants for feedback on their training needs specifically on capacity building and to contact the team bilaterally with any requests.
- The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 21 July at 11:00 EAT.

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