
LOCATION	Online/held remotely
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CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Catholic Relief Services (CRS), OCHA, Polska Akcja Humanitarna (PAH), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), WFP
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Logistics Cluster to email partners to scope cargo consolidation requirements and to follow up bilaterally with interested organisations.• The Logistics Cluster to organise a dedicated discussion on flood preparedness to facilitate contingency planning.• The Logistics Cluster to share a survey with the mailing list to gauge the level of interest and possible dates for a Logistics Cluster Induction Training.• Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster of any road access constraints as a result of the recent flooding.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Situation update2. Flood Response3. COVID-19 Response4. AOB

1. Situation Update

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator confirmed that key airports in Somalia are now open for local, yet remain closed for international, passenger flights; with the exception of Mogadishu and Hargeisa (for Ethiopian Airlines flights to Addis Ababa).
 - Baidoa airport still closed on Fridays and Saturdays for maintenance works.
 - Abudwak airport is also still closed for maintenance.
 - The lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) has been extended until **25 July**. It was noted that WFP trucks continue to have access, and access may be given on approval for WFP staff and contractors. No partners have yet reported any challenges in accessing AAIA.
- Despite some rainfall, key roads still accessible - see latest [Logistics Cluster Flood Affected Roads Map](#) as of 6 July.
 - Moderate to heavy rains were reported in some locations (Banadir and Hirshabelle).
 - Heavy rains in Mogadishu and surrounding areas but roads still accessible.

- All ports remain operational. The WFP time-chartered vessel Voyage 12's updated schedule has been shared via the mailing list. Partners were requested to email otavio.costa@wfp.org / lucy.wambogo@wfp.org for enquiries regarding available space. It was noted that bookings for ex-Mogadishu closed on 20 July, however for organisations with cargo for Bosasso, the movement of this may be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster via road transport ex-Berbera.
- An update was given on border status:
 - The Somaliland-Ethiopia (Berbera corridor) and Central Somalia-Ethiopia borders remain open but strictly for commercial trade. The Kenya-Somalia land borders remain closed for commercial entities.
 - Certain points on both borders may periodically be opened for trade, subject to bilateral agreements between local authorities of relevant border towns. The situation being monitored re. any temporary border openings.
 - The below crossing points of Somalia - Kenya border remain closed indefinitely:
 - Somalia - Beledhawa- Closed
 - Kenya - Doble- Closed
 - Ethiopia - Elbarde- Closed
 - Ethiopia - Beledweine- Closed
 - Ethiopia - Dollow –Closed

2. Action Points Review

- Partners to send cargo and passenger requirements regarding potential humanitarian airbridge from Europe to Mogadishu to ECHO focal point Morten.Petersen@echofield.eu - **ongoing – so far cargo only flights from Brindisi, Italy to Mogadishu. 3rd flight to depart 3 August. ETD of 4th flight TBD.**
- Partners to inform Logistics Cluster of cargo requirement needs – specifically future pipeline plans – bilaterally or via the surveys shared – **completed + ongoing.**
- Partners to email otavio.costa@wfp.org / lucy.wambogo@wfp.org for enquiries re. available space on WFP time-chartered vessel MV Juist's Voyage 12 – **ongoing.**
- OCHA to follow up on request letter submitted to Government on fast-tracking tax exemption approval – **ongoing. No major updates have been received – OCHA continues to follow up.**

3. Flood Response

- The Cluster Coordinator shared the highlights from the [Hagaa Season Floods Update 1 as of 19 July](#):
 - Over 105,000 people have been affected by floods since late June in Hirshabelle, South West, Jubaland States and Banadir region.
 - Over 40 villages have been flooded especially in Balcad district in Hirshabelle State and Afgooye district in South West State.
 - At least 33,000 hectares of farmland has been inundated; shelters, latrines and water wells have been damaged.
 - **In Middle Shabelle region, Hirshabelle State, between 14 and 15 July, over 15,000 people were displaced by the new floods.**

- **In Jubaland:** Rains and strong winds were reported on **18 July** along the State coastline impacting 20 families and destroying homes in Kudhaa, Burkabo and Raskamboni in Badhaadhe district [...] More destruction of shelters and displacement are expected and an increase in the needs for emergency shelter, food, emergency WASH and health are anticipated.
- OCHA noted that it would communicate any further access updates to the Logistics Cluster for sharing with partners.
- Additionally, it was reported that heavy rains were experienced around Mogadishu over the last few days. It was noted that should rains continue at this pace, limited access may be caused on those roads leading to **Jowhar** and **Marka** in Middle Shabelle and Lower Shabelle Regions respectively; however currently the road to Afgoye is still accessible.
- The **WFP VAM Assessment as of 19 July** highlighted that the moderate to heavy rains in Banadir and Hirshabelle have not made an impact on supply corridors and transport services are normal.
- There are no changes to the latest [Flood-Affected Roads Map](#) as of 6 July – this is available on the Logistics Cluster Somalia page. Partners were encouraged to share any access information with the Logistics Cluster to help keep all informed.
- A brief flood-affected roads access overview was given on key areas as also reflected in the Flood-Affected Roads Map.
 - **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
 - For **Bardhere – Kismayo** - all roads are currently accessible
 - **Bardhere - Baidoa** - all roads are currently accessible
- The Cluster Coordinator gave an update from the latest [FAO Desert Locust Bulletin](#) as of 13 July: New reports of Desert Locust swarms suggest that migration from northeast Somalia across the Indian Ocean to the summer breeding areas along both sides of the Indo-Pakistan border could be imminent. More swarms are likely to form in northern Somalia in the coming weeks, however the operational impact remains unclear.
- On the Logistics Cluster's facilitation of the provision of common services:
 - Requests to facilitate transportation of Shelter / NFIs and health items continue to be received – mostly for airlifts.
 - The Logistics Cluster noted that space for inter-agency cargo may be available on an upcoming flight ex-Mogadishu to Bossaso. Interested organisations are to contact the Logistics Cluster directly for more details.
 - To streamline the movement of these items, the Logistics Cluster is implementing a cargo consolidation exercise. Partners were encouraged to inform the Logistics Cluster of their needs regarding locations for delivery of smaller consignments. This would enable the Logistics Cluster to assess whether there is a way of sharing costs or providing transport there on a free-to-user basis.
 - The Logistics Cluster will follow up with partners bilaterally based on the most frequented locations over the last few months. Road transport may also be facilitated – it was noted that this cargo consolidation exercise is not limited to airlifts. The Logistics Cluster will send an email to the mailing list on this to inform partners who were unable to participate in this meeting.

- The Logistics Cluster emphasised that any forward planning information in general would help the Logistics Cluster better support organisations' requests.
- 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 21 July, there are a reported 3,111 cases of COVID-19 and 93 deaths. Internal movement for humanitarian supplies continues to be unrestricted. 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 the Ministry of Health, the 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 third flight is scheduled for 3 August. The date of departure for the fourth flight is yet to be confirmed. Partners were encouraged to contact ECHO focal points Johan.Heffinck@echofield.eu / Morten.Petersen@echofield.eu with any queries.

UNHAS Updates

- An update was given by Bernard de Wouters, Aviation Officer, WFP Somalia:
 - Latest schedule of the WFP Aviation Global flights continue as usual: **Mogadishu - Addis Ababa** – on Thursdays and **Addis Ababa – Mogadishu** on Fridays. There are also weekly global passenger flights on route Nairobi – Addis Ababa - Nairobi. All this information is available on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).
 - 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.
 - 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 (domestic) passenger flights. The latest UNHAS schedule for flights within Somalia is available [here](#) on the Logistics Cluster Somalia page.

4. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster suggested that in order to facilitate contingency planning, that a dedicated discussion on flood preparedness be organised. The Logistics Cluster will reach out to participants via the mailing list. Interested organisation to inform the Logistics Cluster.
- The Cluster Coordinator also noted that some feedback had been received requesting that a Logistics Cluster Induction Training be organised. The Logistics Cluster will share a survey with the mailing list to gauge the level of interest and possible dates for a training.

- A partner raised a question regarding information and best practices on market-based programming and the logistics procedures around this. The Logistics Cluster will connect this partner with relevant colleagues in WFP Logistics as well as reach out to the Cash Working Group.
- The Logistics Cluster requested that partners with cargo for Bossaso email otavio.costa@wfp.org / lucy.wambogo@wfp.org - the transport of cargo for Bosasso may be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster via road transport ex-Berbera (WFP time-chartered vessel ETA at Berbera 4 August as per [Voyage 12 schedule](#)).
- The Logistics Cluster has also created a WhatsApp group to facilitate greater communication and coordination – organisations wishing to join are to contact the Logistics Cluster directly.
- The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 4 August at 11:00 EAT.

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