
LOCATION	Online/held remotely
DATE	27 October
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI), Formal Education Network for Private Schools (FENPS), HALO Trust, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Logistics Cluster to assess overall requirements for the Somalia Humanitarian Fund (SHF) allocation for flood response locations - Partners to communicate their cargo transport needs for their respective flood responses, and to continue to inform the Logistics Cluster of their airlift requirements.• Partners to share information with the Logistics Cluster on transport companies crossing Moyale crossing point.• Partners to share their organisation's supplier database to the Logistics Cluster for consolidation.• Partners interested in transporting cargo on the WFP time-chartered vessel service to email otavio.costa@wfp.org / lucy.wambogo@wfp.org and for enquiries regarding available space for bookings on Voyage 13.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Action points review2. Sea Transport Services / Ports in Somalia3. Situation Update - <i>Flood Response & COVID 19</i>4. Flood preparedness planning and cargo consolidation discussion5. AOB

1. Action Points Review

- The Logistics Cluster to develop and adapt the existing Basic Logistics Training to the Somalia context – ongoing. Trainings are aiming to be held in 2021. For more information/materials partners were encouraged to investigate those available at: <https://logcluster.org/trainings>

- Partners with information on transport companies crossing Moyale crossing point to share contact details with the Logistics Cluster – *ongoing. The Logistics Cluster hasn't yet received any inputs on this – partners were encouraged to share any information they have.*
- Partners to share their organisations' supplier databases for consolidation – *ongoing. Logistics Cluster following up with partners – compiling a database to then be shared with partners. Partners encouraged to send their databases to the Logistics Cluster.*
- Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster as soon as possible with any cargo requirements to be airlifted to Beletwyne – *ongoing. Space remains available regarding airlifts from Mogadishu to Dhusamareb, Baidoa and Kismayo w/c 26 October.*

2. Sea Transport Services / Ports in Somalia

- The Logistics Cluster and WFP presented an overview on the sea transport services. Sea transport may be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster on a cost-recovery basis or free-to-user, depending on available space / resources. Potential sea transport services coordinated through the Logistics Cluster include the WFP Time-Chartered (TC) Vessel - MV Juist - as well as other commercial options contracted by WFP.
- The MV Juist schedule is regular published on the Logistics Cluster website. Partners interested in using this service are to email otavio.costa@wfp.org / lucy.wambogo@wfp.org for enquiries regarding available space for bookings on Voyage 13. Cargo services available to/from the following ports – Mogadishu, Kismayo, Bossaso, Berbera, Mombasa and Djibouti.
- Sea transport services may be accessed via WFP's [Service Marketplace](#) and for enquiries regarding sea transport needs - email otavio.costa@wfp.org / lucy.wamboqo@wfp.org. Partners were encouraged to send any queries to the Logistics Cluster.
- WFP gave an overview of the benefits of transporting cargo via the TC Vessel, including its flexible schedule and ability to transport small tonnages that would otherwise be costly via a commercial vessel as co-loaded with several different organisations.
- An overview was also given on the necessary shipping requirements in terms of transporting cargo via the WFP TC vessel, MV Juist.
 - All documentation must be submitted prior to shipping cargo and this is the responsibility of the requesting organisation. Customs clearance documents must be completed as this is not facilitated by the Logistics Cluster. *Processing agents must also be informed in good time prior to the relevant sailing date.* It was noted that most Logistics Cluster-facilitated cargo is tax exempt – but this must be sought from exporting / importing entity prior to sail.
 - In terms of cargo preparation, it was noted that partners must include information on the type, size in weight and volume, secure packing as well as ensure accurate labelling of their cargo. It was also noted that this is not the most appropriate services for urgent cargo due to longer lead times – however this is most appropriate for larger consignments. It was noted that organisations need to be flexible regarding the possible arrival times of this cargo, due to potential congestion delays at arrival or departure ports. Also need to factor in the second-leg transport to final destinations – most used route is Berbera to Galkayo.

- In terms of cargo type, approximately 99% of Logistics Cluster cargo are usually non-food items. Dangerous goods must be verified prior to shipping.
- The desired final destination must be clear in order to plan for receiving cargo.
- The Cluster Coordinator also presented key features of the following ports, which has been extracted from the [Somalia Logistics Capacity Assessment \(LCA\)](#).
- **Mogadishu:** Total covered Storage space: 15,000 m² (Three warehouses of 5,000 m² capacity each). Large additional open storage space plus 30,000 m² for container marshaling yard. Cargo handling equipment: 9 x cranes of max capacity of 15 – 25 tons, 2 x forklifts of 5 tons and 4 x trailers of MT.
- **Berbera:** The main port equipment and facilities include the Mayara and Tamara lighthouses at the entry of the port. Cargo handling equipment (10 x mobile cranes (70 mt), 2 x forklifts of 32 mt). Storage warehouses: Total area 5,760 m² with storage capacity up to 120,000 mt, open storage (64,000 m²) is available plus a container storage yard.
- **Kismayo:** Four warehouse facilities available in Kismayo port; all the warehouses belong to the port and are managed by the Port. No handling equipment in the port of Kismayo. Cranes are hired from the market during stevedoring. There is only one RO-RO tug.
- **Bossaso:** Bossaso Port draft is 9 meters; the berth can only accommodate one ship at a time. Waiting time depends on cargo type - structure of 150m in length and cannot handle large numbers of vessels.
- Partners were encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster with any questions.

3. Situation Update – Flood Response & COVID-19

- All airports open for local and international, passenger flights. The lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) has been extended until **31 October**. WFP trucks continue to have access – access given on approval for WFP staff and contractors.
- All ports remain operational. The MV Juist is currently en route to Djibouti, having departed Mogadishu on 25 October. Partners interested in using this service are to email otavio.costa@wfp.org / lucy.wambogo@wfp.org for enquiries regarding available space for bookings on Voyage 13.
- Key roads still accessible although subject to temporary closures - latest [Logistics Cluster Flood Affected Roads Map](#) as of 06 July. Partners will be kept updated accordingly.
- The Border between **Belethawa, Dobley and Elwak (Somalia) and Mandera (Kenya)** remain closed. The borders between Ethiopia & Somalia remain closed though the local authorities from both sides periodically allow movement of people and commodities. The borders between Somaliland and Ethiopia & Somaliland and Djibouti remain open for cross border trade.

4. Flood Preparedness Planning and Cargo Consolidation Discussion

- The Cluster Coordinator highlighted the [SWALIM rainfall forecast](#) as of 26 October which noted that High Risk of flooding remains along the lower reaches of Shabelle while along the Juba River there is Moderate Risk of flooding forecast, as well as a High Risk of flash floods in Bay and Bakool regions.

- The Logistics Cluster has been reaching out to organisations bilaterally in terms of prepositioning of cargo to Beletwyne, Baidoa and Jowhar. So far have received around 32 MT of cargo requests in the last week for eight locations. There has also been a request for possible 40 MT consignment to El Wak, however, the Logistics Cluster is confirming the security constraints for flights in the area.
- The Logistics Cluster confirmed that as soon as have a flight/rotation that can be fulfilled then movements will start. Flights to Kismayo, Beletweyne and Baidoa already have sufficient cargo identified while remaining locations still awaiting information on additional needs. Partners were encouraged to reach out to Logistics Cluster if their organisation has cargo which may be consolidated and transported to further destinations. It was noted that airlifts will commence with Beletwyne. The Logistics Cluster will follow up with partners on additional requests.
- It was noted that Somalia Humanitarian Funding (SHF) of US\$1 million has now been confirmed for the next flood response. Partners were requested to submit transport needs to the Logistics Cluster for free-to-user services - the Logistics Cluster will assess the priority locations and overall requirements and then communicate this to partners to inform their submissions.

5. AOB

- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster is working on an action plan as part of the general update of latest information for the LCA. There was a request in the last meeting that airports and airstrips should be prioritised – the Logistics Cluster confirmed that they are fulfilling this.
- The Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) process for 2021 is now well underway – within the Logistics Cluster there were two projects submitted (Logistics services and air services via UNHAS). The peer review took place on 26 October where both projects were accepted.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10 November at 11:00am EAT. The discussion topic for the next Logistics Cluster Meeting was confirmed as cargo movement around the flood response, as by this time the flood season will be well underway.
- A partner flagged that it has been experiencing challenges delivering cargo into El Wak airport, especially in terms of airlifting cargo from Mogadishu airport. WFP also confirmed that Jalalaqsi and Qansadhere are also inaccessible – WFP noted that it has not been able to charter a flight there to either location since May 2020.
- A partner asked if it would be possible for the Logistics Cluster to support with cargo movements from Australia to Mogadishu. The Logistics Cluster confirmed that it does not support with upstream movements directly, but WFP Service Provision may be able to, and that it would connect this partner to them after the meeting.

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