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<b>LOCATION</b>	Online/held remotely
<b>DATE</b>	10 November
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Catholic Relief Services (CRS), HornVision Puntland, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Somaus Help Inc., 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).
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Partners were encouraged to contact <a href="mailto:otavio.costa@wfp.org">otavio.costa@wfp.org</a> with any cargo to be consolidated for upcoming flights as part of the flood response.</li><li>Partners to send their tax exemption inputs to <a href="mailto:amelia.stewart@wfp.org">amelia.stewart@wfp.org</a> over the next week.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action points review</li><li>Flood Response Update &amp; Planning</li><li>Situation Update - <i>Flood Response &amp; COVID 19</i></li><li>AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Action Points Review

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- The Logistics Cluster to assess overall requirements for 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 – *ongoing*.
- Partners to share information with the Logistics Cluster on commercial transport capacities crossing Moyale crossing point – *ongoing, no information received*.
- Partners to share their supplier database to the Logistics Cluster for consolidation – *ongoing, only two have been received so far. Partners encouraged to continue sharing*.
- Partners interested in transporting cargo on the WFP time-chartered vessel service to email [otavio.costa@wfp.org](mailto:otavio.costa@wfp.org) / [lucy.wambogo@wfp.org](mailto:lucy.wambogo@wfp.org) and for enquiries regarding available space for bookings on Voyage 13 – *ongoing – vessel approaching Djibouti for onward sail to Mogadishu / Berbera cargo depending*

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## 2. Flood Response Update & Planning

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- The Head of Field Coordination from OCHA gave a presentation on the Deyr floods and consequent planning in response to them. The following points were highlighted:
  - The Deyr seasonal flash floods (October-December rains) are affecting the rains in South Central regions - over 35,000 affected in Banadir region, Galmudug, South West and Jubaland:
  - Banadir: Over 10,000 people, both internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the host community members have been affected. An estimated 4,000 temporarily displaced.
  - Galmudug: 3,900 people have been affected in south Gaalkacyo due to heavy rains in Baxda village, Cadaado district, which destroyed property and killed one person on 24 October.
  - In South West State: Baidoa town has seen some 53,800 people have been affected, displacing a third of the people from 59 IDP settlements. Additionally, 157 sites (with 97,000 people) largely new arrivals lack shelter and NFIs.
  - Goofgaduud Buurey, 30km north of Baidoa, Bay region: More than 50 people have temporarily been displaced in the village
  - Hirshabelle: Middle Shabelle - road between Mogadishu & Jowhar inaccessible. 27,000 people in Jowhar had a very temporary displacement.
  - Jubaland: Inundation of 5,000 hectares farms and Doolow & Belet Xaawo as Daawa river flooded. More than eight pumps were submerged. In Kismayo, temporary flooding in city roads due to poor drainage
  - In terms of needs – it was emphasised that urgent humanitarian assistance, particularly food, emergency shelter, non-food items, mosquito nets and safe drinking water were the main priorities.
- A forecast was also given highlighting the reduced rains in northern areas – Puntland and Somaliland. Moderate to heavy rains are predicted for central and southern regions, similarly in the Ethiopian highlands. A High Risk of flooding remains along the lower reaches of Shabelle as well as the entire Juba River; while in the upper reaches of the Shabelle River a Moderate Risk of flooding is forecast.
- Shabelle River levels are within normal in Belet Weyne and Bulo Burto districts while the mid and lower reaches are still at high levels with possible flooding if the rains continue. The Juba river water levels are currently above normal, but no flooding has been experienced so far.
- The El Nino and La Nina projections for Somalia were also given. It was noted that these would cause a significant impact at the end of the Deyr season – these projections will continue to be monitored in the coming weeks. Partners were encouraged to reach out to OCHA bilaterally with any further questions on planning for the drought in the North.
- Additionally, the following focus areas were emphasised:
  - In terms of the actual flood response – it was highlighted that it was largely unclear whether there are sufficient resources for the current high needs.
  - Based on historic evidence in Hirshabelle, Belet Weyne and also Jowhar that has a high potential for riverine flooding and damage to farmlands and infrastructure. It was highlighted that the lower river regions going into Lower Shabelle (Marka, Afgooye) also has high potential for riverine flooding.
  - It was also noted that the IDP sites in Baidoa remain at risk of flash floods, as well as the IDP sites in Kismayo.

- Lastly in Jubaland (Lower Juba and Middle Juba) there is also potential for riverine flooding and damage to farmlands and infrastructure.
- It was also noted that rehabilitation works are required for Dhoobley and Afmadow air strips due to heavy flooding – meaning that recently aircraft were unable to land due to water logging and poor drainage. It was emphasised that this is a key point of access of humanitarian supplies.
- In addition, OCHA has been providing advocacy support to open Ceel Waaq airstrip as well as advocating to ensure the safety of airstrips – it was asked as to whether additional areas should also be included in terms of potential flooding and lack of access.
- Partners were asked which airstrips continue to be inaccessible (other than Qansadhere and El Wak which was raised at the previous Cluster meeting) for their operations. A partner asked whether Jowhar airstrip was accessible. The Logistics Cluster noted that the condition of the road that connects the city to Jowhar airport is not easily accessible at the moment due to rains, however the airport is reported as operational.

### 3. Situation Update – Flood Response & COVID-19

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- All airports open for local and international, passenger flights. As of 01 November, the full basecamp lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) is being gradually eased through a four-phased approach. Each phase will be completed after 28 days pending ongoing impact assessments of the situation at AAIA.
- The latest UNHAS schedule - up to 31 December – now includes internal flights within Somalia. This has been published on the Logistics Cluster webpage [here](#).
- All ports remain operational. Partners were encouraged to email [otavio.costa@wfp.org](mailto:otavio.costa@wfp.org) / [lucy.wambogo@wfp.org](mailto:lucy.wambogo@wfp.org) for enquiries re. available space for bookings on Voyage 13.
- An update was given on border status - the Border between **Belethawa, Doble and Elwak (Somalia) and Mandera (Kenya)** remain closed. Borders between Ethiopia & Somalia remain closed though the local authorities from both sides periodically allow movement of people and commodities. Borders between Somaliland and Ethiopia & Somaliland and Djibouti remain open for cross border trade.
- An update was also given on the status of flood-affected roads:
  - Jowhar district (Middle Shabelle region) is inaccessible (by road). The road ex-Mogadishu to Balad is accessible, however the road ex-Balad to Jowhar is currently inaccessible.
  - Wanlaweyn district (Lower Shabelle region) is currently accessible (by road and use of small boats). The road ex-Mogadishu to Afgoye is accessible, however the road ex Afgoye to Wanlaweyn is currently inaccessible.
  - The latest [Logistics Cluster Flood Affected Roads Map as of 09 November](#) has been published on the Somalia webpage. Partners were encouraged to share any updates on road status and the Logistics Cluster confirmed it would continue to monitor the situation and share any new information as available.
- An update was given on cargo consolidation and ongoing flights as part of the current flood response. Around 11 requests so far that have been received for seven destinations as part of the prepositioning of cargo to Beletwyne, Baidoa and Jowhar. It was noted that today a flight will depart for Kismayo.

- Any organisation moving hand sanitisers and PPE, must ensure that they meet the necessary requirements as they can be classified as dangerous goods – it was noted as there is no blanket rule, it is essential to investigate the requirements for the cargo’s destination as this will enable the Logistics Cluster to plan accordingly, be able to advise the amount of space available, as well as consult with UNHAS to ensure timely transportation of these items.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to contact organisations bilaterally regarding their cargo transport needs and partners were again encouraged to reach out to Logistics Cluster if cargo to be consolidated.

## 4. AOB

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- Partners were encouraged to continue to share their tax exemption requests to support the Logistics Cluster – OCHA joint consolidation and advocacy initiative. Partners were encouraged to send their inputs to [amelia.stewart@wfp.org](mailto:amelia.stewart@wfp.org) over the next week.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 24 November at 11:00am EAT. The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to share their ideas on what they would like to discuss at the next meeting.

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