
LOCATION	Online/held remotely
DATE	24 November
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Formal Education Network for Private Schools (FENPS), HALO Trust, 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), World Health Organisation (WHO).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners to share any updates on road status or accessibility challenges to support the updating of the Logistics Cluster's Flood-Affected Roads Map.• The Logistics Cluster to inform partners once Afmadow airstrip is again accessible.• The Logistics Cluster to share the latest schedule of the WFP time-chartered vessel MV Spiekerroog once established.• The Logistics Cluster to keep partners informed of any progress in expediting tax exemption for humanitarian cargo to Bossaso.• Partners to continue to reach out to the Logistics Cluster with cargo movement requests.• Partners to register their organisation on Service Marketplace to speed up processing of any future cargo movement requests.• Partners to send tax exemption inputs to amelia.stewart@wfp.org to add to the tracker.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Action points review2. Flood Response Update & Needs – <i>Shelter Cluster & WASH Cluster</i>3. Logs Cluster Situation Update - <i>Flood Response & COVID 19</i>4. AOB

1. Action Points Review

- Partners were encouraged to contact otavio.costa@wfp.org with any cargo to be consolidated for upcoming flights as part of the flood response – *ongoing*.

- Partners to send their tax exemption inputs to amelia.stewart@wfp.org over the next week – *ongoing* – *only one additional input has been received since the last meeting - Partners were encouraged to share any inputs if they hadn't already.*

2. Flood Response Update & Needs

- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator gave a status update of the current flood responses:
 - **Haggaa Flood Response Status Update as of 22 November 2020 (OCHA):**

The Haggaa season (June - September) riverine and flash floods have affected over 555,000 people in Hirshabelle, South West, Jubaland, as well as Sanaag and Banadir regions. 363,000 have been displaced, of which over 85 percent in Shabelle river basin - lower Shabelle (south west state) and Middle Shabelle (Hirshabelle state). Floods have inundated thousands of hectares of farmland and damaged property, irrigation infrastructure, water points and roads.
 - **Deyr Flood Update as of 16 November (OCHA):**

The ongoing Deyr seasonal rains (October - December) have affected nearly 214,000 people, with over 180,000 people temporarily displaced in South West, Jubaland, Hirshabelle and Galmudug states and Banadir region. In Baidoa town, over 66,000 people have been affected, including 6,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Thousands of hectares of farmland have been inundated particularly along the river basins. According to the latest rain forecast issued by SWALIM on 12 November, no risk of flooding is foreseen along the Juba and Shabelle rivers.
- The Shelter and WASH Clusters gave an update on their response operations and flood-affected areas which require Logistics Cluster support.
- The WASH Cluster stated that Baidoa, Wajid, Dinsoor, Kismayo, Jowhar, and Hudur are some of the key locations targeted for their response – air transport requests have been submitted to the Logistics Cluster.
- It was noted that the recent Cyclone Gati has also made an impact in Puntland and when there is a clearer picture of the WASH requirements in these affected areas, the WASH Cluster will share this information with the Logistics Cluster to see how it can support.
- WASH Cluster had also received a request for items to be transported to El Wak – it was noted that there are accessibility challenges for this location. The Logistics Cluster will confirm feasibility to reach this location on 25 November.
- In terms of overall WASH requirements, the Logistics Cluster asked if there was a foreseen surge in terms of support needed, to that it could also support with future planning and prepositioning of key items. The WASH Cluster responded that these locations mentioned are the priority locations for the moment but would keep them updated on any further developments and additional needs.
- The Shelter Cluster representative also gave an overview on needs and requirements and how the Logistics Cluster team could support these. It noted that Non-Food-Items (NFI) kits, plastic sheets and tents have been transported to a number of locations and some are still in the pipeline e.g. 2,500 kits are expected to arrive by mid-December. Once arrived, they will request the support of the Logistics Cluster to transport these kits to flood-affected areas.

- The Shelter Cluster also noted that it is expecting a consignment of kits to be sent to cyclone-affected areas and may need transport support from Mogadishu to Bossaso. It noted that once confirmed a formal request would be sent to the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster encouraged these and all partners to inform the team of any ongoing requirements for support.

3. Situation Update – Flood Response & COVID-19

- All airports in Somalia are open for 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.
- Afmadow airstrip is currently inaccessible due to conditions of airstrip due to heavy rains and small rehabilitation works being conducted by the local community. The Logistics Cluster will inform partners once the airstrip is again accessible.
- 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. MV Juist Voyage 13 ended. A new vessel **MV Spiekeroog** is scheduled to arrive in Djibouti on 04 December and aims to be in Berbera by 18 December. The latest schedule will be shared when confirmed.
- The border between **Belethawa, Dobley and Elwak (Somalia) and Mandera (Kenya)** remains closed. Borders between Ethiopia and Somalia remain closed though the local authorities from both sides periodically allow movement of people and commodities. Borders between Somaliland and Ethiopia and between 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) - inaccessible (by road).
 - Road ex Mogadishu to Balad - accessible
 - Road ex Balad to Jowhar, currently inaccessible by road, is accessible with multimode transport, including small boats and donkeys.
 - Wanlaweyn district** (Lower Shabelle region) – currently accessible (by road and use of small boats)
 - Road ex Mogadishu to Afgoye – accessible
 - Road ex Afgoye to Wanlaweyn – multimode transport possible including boats.
- 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 **Cyclone Gati** which made landfall on 22 November 2020. As of 24 November, the storm has weakened, moving westwards along the coastal areas of Sanaag region. Heavy rains surpassing expected annual total amounts reported in areas including Bosasso (128 mm), Balidhadin (103 mm), Iskushuban (72 mm) and Caluula (72 mm) in a single day. The sea conditions are still rough over the coastal areas of Puntland and Somaliland and it was noted that some roads around Bossaso may be affected due to heavy rains.

- Logistics Cluster gave an update on accessibility in the areas affected by Cyclone Gati. So far it is just the areas around Puntland where some roads have been rendered inaccessible and there has been some damage to infrastructure. Once there is a clearer picture in terms of airstrip usability etc. OCHA will update the Logistics Cluster who will inform partners.
- The Logistics Cluster noted that it would update partners accordingly as details develop, and partners were encouraged to share any updates on road access issues for the flood-affected roads map.
- Partners were also asked if they had any logistics requirements at this stage regarding the Cyclone response. One partner asked if Bossaso airstrip was operational, to which he Logistics Cluster Coordinator responded that it is, however, the current timeframe to secure tax exemptions for humanitarian cargo is approximately 10 days. The Logistics Cluster emphasised that it was working with OCHA to advocate for the expedition of this clearance due to the potential emergency response.
- An update was given by the Logistics Cluster on current cargo movements. At present the Logistics Cluster is consolidating and facilitating the transportation of around 148 mt of cargo on behalf of six partners to eight locations (El Wak, Johwar, Dolow, Garbaharey, Baidoa, Kismayo, Hargeisa and Bossaso). Most of the locations have only been able to be served because smaller consignments were co-loaded. Partners were encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster with even small cargo movement request as it may be possible to accommodate them on co-loaded flights.
- One partner asked if the Logistics Cluster might be able to support with the transportation of items from Australia to Mogadishu. The Logistics Cluster noted that it could follow up with this partner bilaterally as the Logistics Cluster common services only cover downstream transportation of supplies already in country. WFP Global Service Provision could be a solution on cost-recovery basis, but upstream would need to be coordinated through WFP's bilateral service provision team in Headquarters.
- The Logistics Cluster encouraged all partners to register on the [Service Marketplace](#), as with an account already established, this will speed up the processing time for any future cargo movement requests.

4. AOB

- Partners were encouraged to keep sending relevant inputs to amelia.stewart@wfp.org to add to the tax exemption tracker, as well as any information or updates on access issues – flood or cyclone related.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 08 December at 11:00 am 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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