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<b>LOCATION</b>	Online/held remotely
<b>DATE</b>	08 December
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	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), OXFAM, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organisation (WHO), World Vision.
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Logistics Cluster to inform partners of possible extension of tax exemptions of cargo arriving in Puntland, once followed up with OCHA.</li><li>• Partners to continue to reach out to the Logistics Cluster with cargo movement requests.</li><li>• Partners to use <a href="mailto:somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org">somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org</a> for communication/inquiries for cargo movements and use Service Marketplace to formalise requests.</li><li>• All Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for 2020 will be expiring on 31 December 2020; partners will be contacted to renew SLAs for 2021.</li><li>• Partners to share any updates on road status or accessibility challenges to support the updating of the Logistics Cluster's Flood-Affected Roads Map.</li><li>• Partners to send tax exemption inputs to <a href="mailto:amelia.stewart@wfp.org">amelia.stewart@wfp.org</a> to add to the tracker.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Action points review</li><li>2. Cyclone Gati Update – <b>OCHA</b></li><li>3. Logistics Cluster Situation Update - <b>Flood Response &amp; COVID 19</b></li><li>4. AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Action Points Review

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- Partners to share any updates on road status or accessibility challenges to support the updating of the Logistics Cluster's Flood-Affected Roads Map – *ongoing. The map has just been updated and will be shared with partners via the mailing list.*
- The Logistics Cluster to inform partners once Afmadow airstrip is again accessible – *completed, now operational.*

- The Logistics Cluster to keep partners informed of any progress in expediting tax exemption for humanitarian cargo to Bossaso – *ongoing*. *General feedback received noted that partners were able to secure quickly without any challenges.*
- Partners to continue to reach out to the Logistics Cluster with cargo movement requests – *ongoing*.
- Partners to register their organisation on Service Marketplace to speed up processing of any future cargo movement requests – *ongoing*.
- Partners to send tax exemption inputs to [amelia.stewart@wfp.org](mailto:amelia.stewart@wfp.org) to add to the tracker – *ongoing*. *The Logistics Cluster continues to consolidate inputs to share with OCHA in due course.*

## 2. Cyclone Gati Update – OCHA

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- The Head of OCHA sub-Office, Puntland, gave a presentation on an inter-agency assessment conducted
- Tropical cyclone Gati which made landfall in Puntland's Bari region on night of 24-30 November and displaced over 120,000 people. Around 42,100 people have returned to their homes and settlements. Most affected areas were Bossaso, Xaafuun, Hurdiya, Bargaal and Iskushuban districts and surrounding areas. Those affected included pastoralists, farmers, fishermen, traders, and other rural residents.
- Over 63,000 – mainly sheep and goats – livestock were killed and an estimated 4,500 HHs were affected following loss of entire or partial stock. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities including latrines, Berkeds and other water storage facilities in Xaafuun and Hurdiye were also damaged.
- Key findings in Ikushuban District included:
  - Some 567 people dependent on fishing especially in the towns Xaafaun, Hurdiya, Garduush, Foocaar, Baarmadoobe, Gumax, Dardaare and Taageer were also affected.
  - Farms and crops for 345 small-scale farmers were destroyed in Xubabays, Taageer, Muudiye, Qorohad, Gumbax, Xandha, Bargaal, Xaafuun, Hurdiya, Garduush, Foocaar, Baarmadoobe, Xandha, Ufeyn, Dharoor, Garan hoose, Laamiya, Dharoor, Iskushuban town and Noobir areas.
  - An estimated 120 traders the towns of Xaafuun, Hurdiya, Garduush, Foocaar, Baarmadoobe, Gumbax, Dardaare, Adayo and Bargaal were also affected.
  - The cyclone damaged 26 classrooms in Xaafuun, Hurdiya, Garduush, Foocaar, Gumbax and Dardaare, affecting almost 700 school children.
  - Most of the WASH facilities including latrines, Berkeds and other water storage facilities in Xaafuun and Hurdiye were damaged. The local community has attempted to fix some of the damaged water facilities using available local resources.
- In terms of the methodology used, it was agreed to use the Initial Investigation Tool. The use of generic basic assessment methodology that involves general observations, interviews with key informants, some focused group discussions and participatory rural appraisals and general meeting with the local community (women, children, men) and secondary data review was preferred.
- In terms of access: Xaafuun is the main affected area and can be reached quickly with supplies from Bossaso via the sea – in terms of road transport, only large and 4x4 vehicles are able to access.

- The access roads between Hashira to Xaafuun, Xaafuun to Dul Xaafuun and Baarmadowe and surrounding villages were temporarily cut off.
- Prices of basic commodities including food have increased by about 10 – 15% over past week due to fewer commodities reaching the markets especially in the areas of Xaafuun, Dul Xaafuun, Karduush and Hurdiya.
- Government ten-days exemption on expedited clearance of humanitarian cargo has expired. OCHA continues to advocate for expedited clearance for tax exemptions.
- Partners were reminded that the expedited custom clearance is eligible for cargo arriving through Bossaso airport only.
- In terms of the Way Forward: around 80% of the affected population (16,000 households) will need food relief for one to two months in the affected areas, and an estimated 50% (10,000 households) of those displaced will need emergency support on shelter and/or Non Food Items (NFIs).
- Rehabilitation and repair of WASH services in affected areas will be needed to ensure clean water availability in cyclone-affected communities through the distribution of hygiene kits; as well as ensuring medical and nutritional supplies to affected areas and the repairing of damaged basic services including medical facilities and schools. Also noted was the prioritisation of the rehabilitation water facilities such as solar panels instead of the provision of water trucking.
- Additionally, it was noted that debris need to be cleared from blocked roads, especially in the areas between Hashira to Xaafuun, Xaafuun to Dul Xaafuun and Baarmadowe and surrounding villages.
- As of 06 December, 13,090 households (78,540 people out of the 105,561 people that humanitarian partners planned) are receiving some form of assorted humanitarian assistance ranging from access to water, food, health, nutrition emergency shelter, protection, Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) services etc.
- There is currently an 86% gap in emergency shelter and NFIs for 8,600 households and a 60% gap in relief food assistance for 9,600 households in cyclone-affected areas. As well as significant damage to the livelihoods of these communities, there is a shortage of WASH resources for 72% of the population.
- The Logistics Cluster asked if OCHA can facilitate the extension of the tax exemptions for cargo arriving in Puntland as there are number of airlifts in the pipeline to Bossaso and Garowe for Shelter and WASH partners. OCHA recommended to the Logistics Cluster to reach out to them after the meeting. The Logistics Cluster will keep partners updated once they have more information.

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

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- All airports in Somalia are open for passenger flights. The full basecamp lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) continues to be eased gradually – the latest phase has been extended until mid-December, however the airport remains fully operational and no impact has been reported on partners’ activities so far. It was noted that Afmadow airstrip is now operational again.
- 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. A new vessel MV Spiekeroog arrived in Djibouti on 04 December and will commence her first voyage shortly – the latest schedule will be shared when confirmed.

- The border between Belethawa, Doble 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) - currently accessible (by road and use of small boats)
  - Road ex Mogadishu to Balad - currently accessible
  - Road ex Balad to Jowhar - currently accessible
  - 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 – now accessible
  - Roads Bossaso-Xaafuun and Bossaso-Hurdia – only currently accessible by 4x4 trucks.
- The latest Logistics Cluster Flood-Affected Roads Map 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 by the Logistics Cluster on airlifts – so far the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of over 320mt of cargo – at the moment have confirmed planned movements of 3 rotations to Baidoa, as well as smaller cargo co-loads to Kismayo and Bossaso, and some smaller consignment to be confirmed for Dolow.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to contact organisations bilaterally – partners were encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster if their organisation has any cargo to be consolidated. It was noted that Somalia Humanitarian Fund (SHF) funding has been confirmed to be used for the floods and Cyclone Gati response for free-to-user services.
- It was noted that for cargo movement requests, the Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to [somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org) for communication/inquiries of possible movements, and then use Service Marketplace to formalise requests.
- The Logistics Cluster encouraged all partners to register on the [Service Marketplace](#), as an account already established will speed up the processing time for any future cargo movement requests. The Logistics Cluster encouraged all partners to inform the team of any issues that may be encountered when using Service Marketplace.
- Partners were informed that WFP is initiating the renewals of Service Level Agreements – SLA for 2021. All current SLA holders are being contacted for the renewal and partners interested in starting the process are encouraged to contact [otavio.costa@wfp.org](mailto:otavio.costa@wfp.org) and [lucy.wambogo@wfp.org](mailto:lucy.wambogo@wfp.org).
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that some airlift locations require minor security clearance – WFP security is ready to facilitate this, however it may not always be available and is often dependent on the daily situation. It was noted that partners would be kept informed of any changes as often as possible to ensure the smooth delivery of cargo.

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## 4. AOB

- Partners were encouraged to keep sending relevant inputs to [amelia.stewart@wfp.org](mailto: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 22 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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