LOCATION: Online/held remotely

DATE: 26 January 2021

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster


ACTION POINTS:
- Partners to submit transport needs to Logistics Cluster for the flood response free-to-user services.
- Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster of any airstrips / locations that have been a challenge to access.
- The Logistics Cluster to keep partners informed of any road access challenges.
- Partners to contact the Logistics Cluster regarding interest in a storage capacity mapping exercise.
- Partners to register on the WFP Service Marketplace, as having an account already established will speed up the processing time for any future cargo movement requests.
- Partners with a need to renew their WFP Service Level Agreements for 2021 to reach out to the Logistics Cluster who can facilitate the process.
- The Logistics Cluster to share UNHAS schedule for February once available.
- Partners to share any updates on Belet Xaawo situation with OCHA.
- The Logistics Cluster to update partners on updates from inter-Cluster meeting on situation in Hurdur.
- The Logistics Cluster to keep partners updated on the progress of tax exemption advocacy for humanitarian cargo.

AGENDA:
1. Action points review
2. Logistics Cluster Situation Update - Flood Response & COVID-19
3. Cargo Transport Requirements
4. AOB

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1. Action Points Review

➢ Partners to submit transport needs to Logistics Cluster for the flood response free-to-user services – ongoing.
➢ Partners to submit any cargo requirements for Qansadhere and to inform the Logistics Cluster of any other locations that have been a challenge to access – ongoing. Encouraged to send more information to Logistics Cluster if available.
➢ Partners to contact the Logistics Cluster regarding interest in a storage capacity mapping exercise – ongoing. No feedback received from partners so far.
➢ Partners to share any additional detailed feedback on how the Logistics Cluster can improve the quality of its services bilaterally – ongoing. No feedback received. Partners encouraged to give feedback.
➢ Partners to register on the WFP Service Marketplace, as having an account already established will speed up the processing time for any future cargo movement requests – ongoing – many organisations have already registered.
➢ Partners with a need to renew their WFP Service Level Agreements for 2021 to reach out to the Logistics Cluster who can facilitate the process - ongoing – many organisations already completed – it was noted that it is a prerequisite for any service request.
➢ Partners to inform OCHA of any issues with obtaining visas for Somalia – no feedback received regarding any additional challenges faced.

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

A situation update was given on the following:

• All airports are open for passenger flights. The full basecamp lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) continues - however the airport remains fully operational and no impact has been reported on partners’ activities so far.
• The latest UNHAS flight schedule (up to 31 January) is available on the Logistics Cluster Somalia webpage.
• The Logistics Cluster will share the UNHAS schedule for February once available.
• Due to renovation works at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi, UNHAS operations were moved to Terminal 2 on Thursday 14 January 2021. As congestion is expected at Terminal 2, it was noted that all UNHAS passengers must refer to terminal information on their tickets and arrive early for check-in.
• All sea ports remain operational. The new WFP time-chartered vessel MV Spiekeroog is currently in Mogadishu loading cargo and is scheduled to depart for Mombasa. The latest schedule has been posted on the Logistics Cluster Somalia page.
• OCHA gave an update on the developing situation in Belet Xaawo, Jubaland. Assessments are ongoing and partners are asked to monitor and share any relevant updates on the situation and possible humanitarian needs with OCHA.
• The situation in Belet Xaawo, Jubaland has led to some disruption and access constraints for humanitarian and commercial flights. These flights have since resumed and Dollow airstrip is now fully functional.
- Partners were asked if they have any updates on Hurdur in South West State. An inter-agency assessment was conducted and shared with partners by OCHA. An inter-Cluster meeting will be held on 27 January and the Logistics Cluster will update partners with any relevant information after the meeting.

- An update was given on road access which had been affected by flooding from both Deyr rains and Cyclone Gati. The road ex-Afgoye to Wanla Weyn is accessible. The road ex-Balad to Jowhar is accessible for smaller multimode transport. The bypass route via Afgoye to Jowhar is open and accessible by road. The roads Bossaso-Xaafuun and Bossaso-Hurdia are accessible by 4x4 trucks.

- The latest Logistics Cluster Flood Affected Roads Map has been published on Somalia webpage (as of 25 January 2021). Partners were encouraged to share any updates on road status and physical access challenges not reflected on the map. It was asked whether any partners had any updates on accessibility to Merka or Afgoye - no partners gave any feedback. The Logistics Cluster confirmed it would continue to monitor the situation and share any new information as available.

- Access challenges were discussed for a number of airstrips (Berdale, Qansadhere, El Wak, and Jalalaqsi). Both Qansadhere and Berdale have been inaccessible due to a security incident in May; however, the Logistics Cluster noted that thanks to OCHA's coordination with UNSOS, a couple of rotations will be supported in February on behalf of partners to Qansadhere. El Wak is still inaccessible. Jalalaqsi airstrip is also inaccessible due to physical issues – the Logistics Cluster continues to coordinate with OCHA/AMISOM on possible solutions for moving cargo to this location.

- Partners were asked to update the Logistics Cluster with information on any other locations that had access challenges.

### 3. Cargo Transport Requirements

- It was noted that funding is still available for the Flood Response and partners are invited to submit transport needs to the Logistics Cluster for free-to-user services. The Logistics Cluster continues to reach out to organisations bilaterally regarding their cargo transport requirements.

- It was noted that additional cargo can be co-loaded with other consignments – and that some small consignments have been identified.

- The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to contact somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org for communication/inquiries of possible movements, and then use WFP Service Marketplace to formalise requests.

- The Logistics Cluster encouraged all partners to register on the WFP Service Marketplace, as having 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 the WFP Service Marketplace.

- Organisations who do not already have a WFP Service Level Agreement (SLA) in place for 2021 were encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster as soon as possible to facilitate the creation or renewal of this process.

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- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9 February 11:00 am EAT. The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to share their ideas on what they would like to discuss at the next meeting.
- A partner asked about the latest status on the advocacy for Tax Exemption that the Logistics Cluster was coordinating with OCHA. The Logistics Cluster notes that it had consolidated the inputs received from partners, and OCHA is discussing with the Humanitarian Coordinator on next steps. The Logistics Cluster will continue to keep partners informed of any updates.
- The Logistics Cluster enquired as to whether any partners are interested in a storage capacity mapping exercise. It was noted that a partner had identified that storage services may be needed in Garowe, however no partners gave any further feedback during the meeting. Partners were encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster with any further requests.

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