LOCATION: Online/held remotely

DATE: 09 February 2021

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Islamic Relief Somalia, Save the Children, Somaus Help Inc., United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP).

ACTION POINTS:

- Logistics Cluster to share a draft prepositioning plan with partners for comments ahead of the next Coordination Meeting which will be focused on this topic.
- Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster if any cargo bound for Galkayo for possible co-loaded flight.
- Partners were asked to update the Logistics Cluster with information on any other locations that had access challenges.
- Logistics Cluster to keep partners updated on progress regarding advocacy of SHF funds for free-to-user services.
- Partners to reach out to the Logistics Cluster if no WFP Service Level Agreement (SLA) in place for 2021.

AGENDA:

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

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 26 January were reviewed:

- Partners to submit transport needs to Logistics Cluster for the flood response free-to-user services - ongoing
- Partners to inform the Logistics Cluster of any airstrips / locations that have been a challenge to access – ongoing – a few updates which will be covered later in the meeting.
- The Logistics Cluster to keep partners informed of any road access challenges – ongoing

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➢ Partners to contact the Logistics Cluster regarding interest in a storage capacity mapping exercise – *this will be reviewed during the preparedness / prepositioning discussions during the next Logistics Cluster meeting.*
➢ Partners to register on the WFP [Service Marketplace](https://logcluster.org/ops/som20a), as having an account already established will speed up the processing time for any future cargo movement requests – *ongoing*
➢ 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*
➢ The Logistics Cluster to share UNHAS schedule for February once available - *completed*
➢ Partners to share any updates on Belet Xaawo situation with OCHA – *ongoing.* No further updates to share at present.
➢ The Logistics Cluster to update partners on updates from inter-Cluster meeting on situation in Hudur – . *OCHA has established an advocacy group for Southwest State to discuss issues around the response and access challenges. The Logistics Cluster continues to work closely with OCHA on this.*
➢ The Logistics Cluster to keep partners updated on the progress of tax exemption advocacy for humanitarian cargo – *ongoing*

### 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 28 February is available on the Logistics Cluster Somalia [webpage](https://logcluster.org/ops/som20a).
- 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 Mombasa. The latest schedule will be posted on the Logistics Cluster Somalia page - her next ports of call are Mogadishu - 18 February; Bossaso - mid-March; Berbera - TBC. It was noted that some delays have been experienced at Mogadishu port due to delays in obtaining tax exemption approval.
- The latest [Logistics Cluster Flood Affected Roads Map](https://logcluster.org/map/somalia-logistics-overview-2-february-2021) 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.
- OCHA is conducting a preparedness exercise. The Logistics Cluster created a map to complement this – showing the different transport modalities and locations served. It can be found on the Somalia Logistics Cluster webpage - [https://logcluster.org/map/somalia-logistics-overview-2-february-2021](https://logcluster.org/map/somalia-logistics-overview-2-february-2021)
- Partners were asked if they would be interested in participating in a prepositioning planning discussion that would be led by the Logistics Cluster to discuss the flood/drought response and wider operational context. The concept is to gauge the existing gaps in capacity, as well as scenario building in the event of an onset response, with a view to assessing how best the Logistics Cluster can support partners operating in Somalia.

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- A partner confirmed that they are at the planning stage for preparedness activities. It was emphasised that they would be interested in joining any future discussions. It was then suggested that a topic of the next Logistics Cluster meeting focus on preparedness. The Logistics Cluster will share a plan ahead of the next meeting for comments from partners, which will be tabled for discussion.

- Access challenges were discussed for a number of airstrips (Berdale, Qansadhere, El Wak, and Jalalaqi). 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 United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS), a couple of rotations have been managed to Qansadhere.

- El Wak is still inaccessible due to a lack of airfield clearance. The Logistics Cluster is coordinating with OCHA to obtain access.

- Jalalaqi airstrip also remains inaccessible - the Logistics Cluster continues to coordinate with OCHA/AMISOM/UNSOS 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 received special approved from the Somalia Humanitarian Fund (SHF) to utilise funds to support the emergency transport of shelter supplies to Belet Xawa following recent events.

- A partner asked if there was a possibility to transport cargo to Galkayo as part of the co-loading initiative to make it more cost effective. Partners were encouraged to inform the Logistics Cluster about any Galkayo transportation requirements.

- The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to contact somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org for communication/inquiries regarding 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.
The Logistics Cluster gave an update on the first round of SHF which was launched last week. The Cluster Coordinator also highlighted the main SHF priorities that the Logistics Cluster’s support would focus on as part of its advocacy to support both UNHAS and Logistics Cluster services:

- Continued focus on life-saving humanitarian response with focus on, where possible, underserved and hard-to-access areas
- Support for local partners as best-positioned responders by striving to channel at least 45% of available funding directly through national partners (if, when and where feasible)
- Support funding for pipelines, enabling programmes and other support services provided by the United Nations or NGOs, up to a maximum of 20% of annually available funds

The Logistics Cluster informed participants that it had advocated for SHF funding and will keep partners updated on its progress – these funds would be used to support on the free-to-user services.

4. AOB

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 23 February 11:00 am EAT. The Logistics Cluster confirmed that the main focus of the next meeting would be the preparedness strategy discussion, specifically focussed on prepositioning. Partners were also encouraged to put forward any suggestions for other topics they would like to discuss.

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