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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Catholic Relief Services (CRS), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Islamic Relief Somalia, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision.

ACTION POINTS
• The Logistics Cluster to inform partners on any updates regarding CERF funding.
• Partners to submit any / all cargo requests to the centralised email address: somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org
• The Logistics Cluster to inform partners of any changes in road or airstrip access.
• Partners to reach out to the Logistics Cluster team with suggestions for the discussion topic of the next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting.

AGENDA
1. Action points review
2. Logistics Cluster Situation Update
3. Prepositioning Strategy Discussion
4. Cargo Transport Requirements
5. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 9 March were reviewed:

- The Logistics Cluster to inform partners of any updates regarding further tightened restrictions of the current lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) – operations have not been interrupted. Although over the last couple of days there were some issues with intermittent road access – there is a need to plan prepositioning into the airport accordingly for any cargo to be airlifted in the coming days.
- The Logistics Cluster to keep partners updated on the next port of call for the WFP time-chartered vessel after Berbera – ongoing – latest schedule published on website and shared via mailing list. Currently she is in Berbera and her next stop will be Mombasa.
- The Logistics Cluster to inform partners developments regarding ease of access on the main road between Mogadishu and Jowhar – completed. No major challenges reported last week.
The Logistics Cluster to communicate to partners once CERF allocation has been confirmed – ongoing. No further information from OCHA has been yet shared – awaiting feedback.

Partners to reach out to the Logistics Cluster with any feedback on the proposed Strategy process and any information on challenges / existing capacities / locations for response operations – ongoing.

Partners to reach out to the Logistics Cluster if they had any issues regarding joining today’s meeting via Teams – completed.

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. It has been reported that the current lockdown may become more restrictive – the Logistics Cluster will keep partners updated on any developments however so far operations remain as normal.
- The latest UNHAS schedule up to 30 April 2021 is available on the Logistics Cluster Somalia webpage.
- All seaports remain operational. The new WFP time-chartered vessel MV Spiekeroog is currently in Berbera commencing Voyage 3 – next port of call: Mombasa – 1 April and Mogadishu (14 April). Organisations with cargo for upcoming destinations to contact the Logistics Cluster. Logistics Cluster will keep partners updated – and pointed out that the current schedule is published on the Somalia webpage – and stated that due to tax exemption issues there may be delays in berthing at Mogadishu.
- The Logistics Overview map, created to complement the OCHA-led preparedness exercise, is available on the Somalia Logistics Cluster webpage - https://logcluster.org/map/somalia-logistics-overview-2-february-2021
- All key roads remain dry - the latest Flood-Affected Roads Map is also available on the Somalia webpage (as of 25 January). Road access issues may arise in a few weeks – Afmadow airstrip had heavy rains. Partners were recommended to plan ahead as far as possible for cargo movements.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to advocate for resources from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) – funds have been requested for flights for UNHAS and free-to-user logistics services – and are awaiting feedback from OCHA.

3. Prepositioning Strategy Discussion

- The Logistics Cluster continues to undertake an information-gathering exercise to pinpoint existing logistics gaps as part of the 2021 ERP Plan. It was re-emphasised that is a joint effort and inputs from partners will inform the next steps and eventual compilation of the Prepositioning Strategy document.
- An update was given on the latest part of the information gathering process. Currently, the Logistics Cluster is developing a district-based mapping of existing logistics infrastructure and is cross-checking it with current demand, based on the preparedness plans from inventory-intensive clusters (SNFI, WASH, Health).
- The exercise compiles the disaster risk profile defined by OCHA to 60+ hotspots, matches it with the expected demand points of the above-mentioned cluster (30+ areas) and links it with the capacity and

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assess rating developed for each district. The objective is to identify areas with higher chances of logistics challenges and the potential requirements of common services. For example, it was noted that certain areas in South-Central have a high-level demand without prepositioning capacity, thus requiring air transport from Mogadishu while others would allow anticipated transportation.

- The Logistics Cluster intends to continue this exercise and looks for in-depth information about last-mile logistics capacity for those hotspot locations including the mapping of partners’ storage and transport capacity to continue tailoring the preparedness activities based on existing gaps and requirements.
- The Logistics Cluster noted that these inputs will be submitted to OCHA this week and would be reaching out to partners with a short survey to gather information on last-mile logistics capacity in the identified key locations.

4. Cargo Transport Requirements

- Access challenges were discussed for a number of airstrips in Berdale and El Wak.
  - In terms of Berdale, the Logistics Cluster confirmed that it has been almost a year with no access to this airstrip. The team continues to liaise with OCHA and coordinates with relevant authorities to gain access.
  - El Wak is still inaccessible. The Logistics Cluster continues to coordinate with OCHA - the OCHA focal point present informed partners that there may be some updates on this soon and partners will be kept updated through the Logistics Cluster.
- Partners were encouraged to share any additional information regarding locations with access challenges with the Logistics Cluster for its monitoring. The Logistics Cluster noted that it would keep partners updated in terms of access challenges that may arise due to heavy rains.
- An update was given on the Logistics Cluster-facilitated common services and the team highlighted the need for partners to send all requests first to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org for communication/inquiries regarding possible movements, and then use WFP Service Marketplace to formalise requests.
- It was noted that some design changes are being made to the Service Marketplace – the Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to contact the team should they face any challenges in accessing the system and/or placing transport requests.
- It was emphasised that temperature-controlled cargo needs to have the temperature maintained by the organization (e.g. using appropriate packaging) as the transport assets cannot sustain it.
- A transport overview regarding achievements so far in 2021 was given by the Logistics Cluster. Since the beginning of the year, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of 235 MT – and 23 MT over the last week. This represents multiple flight rotations of co-loaded cargo and small cargo consignments from organizations.
- There have been no major changes to the main locations for transport requests. It was highlighted that over the next few weeks there may be an increase in transportation requests – particularly air transport – due to the upcoming rainy season. Partners were asked to try and plan ahead as far as possible. Next co-loading destinations are Kismayo, Garowe and Galkayo. Partners with demands to these locations were encouraged to contact the Logistics Cluster via somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org.
A partner mentioned that a request had been made to transport 50 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) – the Logistics Cluster asked that this request be followed up bilaterally due to the change in deadline for its arrival.

5. AOB

• The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6 April 11:00 am EAT.
• Regarding the discussion topic of the next meeting, the Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to reach out with any suggestions; however a large component of discussion would most likely be around the impact on roads due to upcoming rainy season and consequent flooding.
• The Logistics Cluster also noted that it would present a first draft of its Prepositioning Strategy to partners at the next meeting.

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