Operations Overview - October 2014

The Logistics Cluster was activated for Somalia in March 2014. It is responsible for providing logistics coordination, information management; and, where there is a gap in logistics infrastructure, it acts as a ‘Provider of Last Resort’ by offering common logistics services to support the humanitarian community in their response operations.

**Highlights of Operation**

- In the towns in Bay, Bakool and Gedo regions of Somalia there is an emergency gap that required an inter-agency intervention in order to reach the affected populations.
- In August 2014, the Logistics Cluster received funding from CHF to facilitate an airlift operation of inter-agency cargo, mainly lifesaving supplies to these areas.
- The recent first part of the Airlift Operation, which took place between 16th August and 17th September 2014, transported a total of 380mt.
- In addition, WFP chartered a vessel for its own operation, however, interested organisations might use the service on cost recovery basis.

**Road Accessibility**

Recent floods have had a severe impact on road conditions in South/Central Somalia. Roads around Gedo and Bakool are amongst the most affected. Furthermore for considerations:

- Bulo-Burte districts are only accessible by helicopter.
- When approaching from Mogadishu, Baidoa is inaccessible after Lego; however commercial cargo is able to pass, but only when Amisom convoy is on the road.
- Wajid is not accessible.
- Huddur is considered inaccessible; however if access is required, this will involve careful planning and coordination with the local authorities.

**Air Cargo Operations**

- During the reporting period 380mt of inter-agency cargo was airlifted to various destinations as illustrated in the chart to the right.
- Service continues in November to early December until CHF funds are spent.
- The rehabilitation of airstrip in Bulo-Burte is ongoing and will allow small aircraft to land.

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**Organisation** | **MT** | **%**
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UNICEF | 128.424 | 34%
WFP | 116.271 | 31%
ACF | 73.975 | 19%
FAO | 13.773 | 4%
SOS | 9.185 | 2%
UNDSS | 0.057 | 0%
IOM | 19.205 | 5%
SC | 19.080 | 5%
**Total** | **379.970** | **100%**

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Loading Interagency cargo: UNHAS Mogadishu