Quarterly Operation Overview
January - March 2015

The Logistics Cluster is mandated to provide 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 Air Operation**

- The second phase of the airlift operations was completed on 24 January 2015 with a total of 435mt having been airlifted on behalf of 8 agencies. These include: Save the Children, SOS, IOM, Trocaire, World Vision, UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP. The cargo aircraft will continue to be available to humanitarian organizations and is currently based in Mogadishu. Bookings are done on cost recovery basis and so far Trocaire, UNICEF and WFP have airlifted a total of 225mt lifesaving supplies to various destinations in South/Central Somalia.

**Road Accessibility**

- The road corridor to the newly liberated areas of South Somalia continued to be a challenge due to insecurity. Baidoa is inaccessible to humanitarian cargo, however commercial cargo is moving but with high fees being imposed at checkpoints.
- Bulo-burte is only accessible by helicopter.
- Huddur – Requires proper and timely coordination with the local authority.
- Puntland-Somaliland boarder – Situation remains the same, however Puntland could consider access upon request on case-by-case basis.
- In March fuel prices went slightly higher in most areas in Somalia compared to February.
**Sea Transportation**

- WFP continues to operate a time charter vessel and moved some 163m³ of food and Non-Food Items on a cost recovery bases for ACF and UNICEF.
- An increased number of commercial shipping lines are operating to Mogadishu, with some serving Mogadishu every 10 days from Mombasa. Interested organizations can book directly with the shipping companies.
- Other Logistics services such as warehousing or daily storage have been introduced by commercial companies in Mogadishu. Interested organizations can obtain the contact details through the cluster. It should be noted that WFP or the Logistics Cluster have not vetted and assessed the companies or the premises.

**Cargo Tracking**

- The Logistics Cluster started using the online cargo tracking tool, the Relief Item Tracking Application (RITA) in January 2015, which provides tracking and accountability to stakeholders for cargo handled.