

- LOCATION:** WFP – Aden, Yemen
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- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster
- PARTICIPANTS:** ACF, FHI360, Food Security Cluster, IRY, Medecins du Monde, Relief International, Turkish Red Crescent, UNHCR, WFP.
- AGENDA:**
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1. Situation Update

Djibouti

- In light of the decrease in the requests of cargo movement from Djibouti to Yemen, the Logistics Cluster envisages to revise its Concept of Operations in close coordination with all services users. Alternative solutions will be tested, cost comparison analysis performed, and then presented in due time to users.
- The Logistics Cluster will share a short questionnaire in the coming week on this topic through the mailing list.

Access

- The Logistics Cluster and other participants reported that moving cargo by land from Sana'a to Aden is still not possible as security clearances would not be granted, even though the issue was reported to be solved at the beginning of January. The Logistics Cluster is following up with WFP on the issue.

One-Stop Shop

- One Stop Shop: the Logistics Cluster is looking for suitable candidates to kickstart the project in Yemen, potentially in the first quarter of 2019.

2. Air and Sea transport

Airlifts

- Thanks to the CERF contribution received recently, the Logistics Cluster is now able to offer cargo airlifts from Djibouti to Aden until end of July 2019. Airlifts are tentatively scheduled once a month and will be free of charge to the user. Airlifts will only be carried out if the minimum payload is 20 mt; however, if the requests exceed 20 mt, even more than one airlift per month can be carried out. Only urgently needed cargo such as medicines is eligible, otherwise transport by sea can be organized.
- A tentative schedule for 2019, including cargo airlifts to Aden, can be found here: <https://logcluster.org/document/yemen-airlifts-tentative-schedule-2019>.

UNHAS

- Through the CERF funding, UNHAS might open the new route Djibouti – Aden – Mukhalla in the coming weeks if the security and operational conditions allow it.

Sea Transport

- In January, two voyages were cancelled (139 and 140) as VOS Apollo travelled to Hodeidah to swap with VOS Theia to provide accommodation and emergency passenger transport if needed.
- The Djibouti – Aden route is now being covered with VOS Theia for both passenger and cargo transport. While internet connection is still not available on board, the Logistics Cluster and WFP are working to set it up as soon as possible.
- The Logistics Cluster recommends to keep the agreement active with WFP and the Logistics Cluster for the vessel passenger transport, as the situation in Yemen remains volatile and having both UNHAS and the sea transport provides different options of transport to and from Aden.
- In addition, both VOS Theia and VOS Apollo, when in Aden, can provide free-of-charge accommodation on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Two 20 foot reefer containers were set up on VOS Theia for cold chain and temperature controlled cargo transport.
- Cargo requests to Hodeidah can be carried out by dhow.
- The tentative VOS Apollo passenger schedule for the first half of 2019 between Djibouti and Aden is available at: <https://logcluster.org/document/vos-apollo-passenger-sea-transport-schedule-2019>
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for booking vessel accommodation in Hodeidah have been published at: <https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-yemen-vessel-accommodation-january-2019>

3. Storage

- The 20 MSUs for the setup of the common storage space in Aden are expected to arrive in Aden in the beginning of February. The MSUs will be set up on a plot of land adjacent to the current Free Zone warehouse after completion of ground works.
- Works to set up cold chain storage (600 m²) in Aden, near the Free Zone warehouse, will be shortly.
- An additional seven MSUs are scheduled to arrive in Djibouti to be made available for loan to organisations in Aden, in response to the recent difficulties with land transport from north to south. Another three MSU will be shipped from Djibouti to Aden as soon as available.
- An engineering mission is planned shortly to Ibb to identify the necessary groundworks to establish a common storage in Ibb (two MSUs, 640 m²) as well as a fuel station (100,000 litres).

4. Fuel

- Revised SOPs for fuel have been published at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-fuel-provision-january-2019>
- In 2019, service users will only be able to request 2,500 litres of diesel and 2,500 litres of petrol at the time to ensure opening stocks are accurate and replenished regularly. However, if requesting organisations have storage capacity available and are able to withdraw the requested quantity at one time, the fuel limit may be exceeded on a case-by-case basis.
- Over the next few weeks, the Logistics Cluster might revise the price based on the procurement price from local suppliers, while maintaining a margin for the support costs.
- In Aden, tanks are being procured to double the capacity of the fuel station. Works will begin shortly to allow the instalment of the new tanks.

5. AOB

- Following the UNCT in Sana'a last week, WFP will set up interagency accommodation and office space in Mokha to allow the establishment of an UN hub with international staff. Based on the needs and on the requests from organisations, the Logistics Cluster may deploy MSU to set up common storage space.

The next meeting will be held on 12 March at 11:00 at the WFP Office.

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