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<b>DATE</b>	12 March 2019
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	ACF, Global Response, HI, IMC, IRC, MDM, Relief International, Solidarités International, UNHCR, UNICEF
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Action Required</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Situation update</li><li>2. Air and Sea Transport</li><li>3. Storage</li><li>4. Fuel</li><li>5. AOB</li></ol>

*The meeting started with one minute of silence in honour of NGO and UN colleagues who lost their lives on the Ethiopian Airlines ET302 flight on 10 March 2019*

## 1. Situation Update

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### Access

- On March 11, the Logistics Cluster shared a data collection tool for humanitarian cargo blocked at entry points (Aden port, Hodeidah port, Sana'a airport, and Ibb/Dhamar) due to lack of customs clearance and/or issues with tax exemption and paperwork. The tool includes the estimate demurrage costs of the blocked cargo. Although it might be a difficult figure to include, it would be of significant importance to display the additional costs of these blockages, which can sometimes last months. The consolidated list of blocked cargo will be shared with the HC and HCT to advocate for cargo release.
- Several access issues have been experienced by organisations lately, namely blockages at the Ibb/Dhamar crossing point due to the new measures requiring double exemption, as well as the lack of issuance of security clearances for Hajja governorate. 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

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### 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.
- Mdm and UNICEF will both have cargo on the upcoming airlift scheduled for 22 March. All organisations benefitting from these airlifts are responsible for their own documentation work and are also responsible to hire a Clearing and Forwarding Agent to receive the cargo in Aden.
- A tentative schedule for 2019, including cargo airlifts to Aden, can be found [here](#).

### UNHAS

- Through the CERF funding, UNHAS has been flying Amman-Aden-Amman for the past month. The route will only continue if it is utilised.

### Sea Transport

- VOS Apollo is in Hodeidah to provide accommodation and emergency passenger transport, if needed, while VOS Theia is serving the Djibouti – Aden route for passengers and cargo. As of 9 March, Theia is now equipped with internet for passenger use.
- The Logistics Cluster is recommending keeping the agreement between WFP and the Logistics Cluster for the vessel passenger transport active, 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 the coming weeks, the two vessels will have to swap to allow VOS Apollo to bunker and replenish provisions. When VOS Theia travels to Hodeidah from Djibouti to replace VOS Apollo, the vessel could be used to transport cargo on behalf of humanitarian organisations. In addition, both VOS Theia and VOS Apollo, when in Aden, can provide free-of-charge accommodation on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Further details on the dates of this change will be communicated promptly via the mailing list.
- The donation of five reefer containers from Maersk is now completed. Two containers are on board VOS Theia, one reefer was delivered to Aden for cold chain storage, and the second arrived in Djibouti this week. One of them will be transported to Hodeidah for cold chain storage, while the other will replace one of the leased containers onboard VOS Apollo.

## 3. Storage

- One 40 ft reefer container is now in Aden, under customs clearance, for cold chain storage. The reefer will be placed at the Free Zone Warehouse.

- The 20 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) allocated for the setup of the Aden common storage space have arrived in Aden. The MSUs will be set up on a plot of land adjacent to the current Free Zone Warehouse following the completion of ground works.
- Works to set up cold chain storage (600 m<sup>2</sup>) in Aden, within the Free Zone warehouse, will begin as soon as the final tenders are received and evaluated.
- Two MSUs are available in Sana'a for loan, while an additional 10 are planned to arrive in Aden with the next VOS Theia voyage. Installation of MSUs on behalf of partners may be carried out by a service provider. For installation support please contact the Logistics Cluster.

## 4. Fuel

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- In 2019, service users will only be able to request a maximum 2,500 litres of diesel and a maximum 2,500 litres of petrol at one 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.

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## 5. AOB

- Relief International informed of a visiting consultant, specialised in supplier identification. A meeting with this consultant will be arranged by the Logistics Cluster around 18 March at the WFP office.

**The next meeting will be held on 9 April at 11:00 at the WFP Office.**

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