DATE: 04 May 2015
LOCATION: Amman, Jordan
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS: Action Against Hunger (ACF), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Handicap International (HI), Mercy Corps, OHCHR, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Mercy Corps, Relief International, Save the Children International (SCI), UN Development Programme (UNDP), UN Population Fund (UNFPA), UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UNICEF, USAID, World Food Programme (WFP), Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA), ZOA International.

ACTION POINTS:
- The Logistics Cluster to share information on the possibility of using Mokha Port in Yemen, once assessments are complete.
- The Logistics Cluster to share contacts of transporters in Yemen, including the districts they cover.

AGENDA:
1. Introduction and Situation Update
2. Djibouti Logistics Hub and UNHAS Update
3. WFP Chartered Vessel
4. Civil-Military Coordination
5. Fuel Provision In-country and Fuel Shipment to Yemen
6. Agencies’ Updates and A.O.B.

1. Introduction and Situation Update

- The Logistics Cluster advised that operations of the two main hospitals in Aden and Haradh have been disrupted during recent clashes. In addition, the lack of fuel is hindering public services and the private sector. Participants were also informed that the runways of Sana’a and Hodeidah Airports remain unable to accommodate aircraft.
- Participants were advised that according to the Director of Telecommunications in Yemen telecommunications within Yemen and with the outside world could be cut within days due to a shortage of fuel.
- The Logistics Cluster noted that complex clearance and inspection procedures slowed down the delivery of fuel and other urgent items to Yemen.
- The Logistics Cluster shared that a 72 hour window (‘Humanitarian Pause’) is being discussed, in order to allow partners in Yemen to deliver humanitarian relief in-country. Participants were advised that the Logistics Cluster plans use the time to preposition fuel in the Logistics Cluster hubs (more details in the ‘Fuel’ section).

2. Djibouti Logistics Hub and UNHAS Update

- The warehouse in the bonded area with 1,650m² storage capacity is available for humanitarian organizations. Transport to Yemen by sea is also offered to participants, services can be accessed by submitting Service Request Forms (SRFs) to yemen.cargo@logcluster.org.
- The second Logistics Cluster Meeting in Djibouti was held on Sunday 3 May. Meeting Minutes will be shared shortly.
Currently, the UNHAS aircraft that flew from Djibouti to Sana’a on 27 April remains at Sana’a Airport, due to the repairs required on the runways. Options are being explored to evacuate the four staff members (one OCHA, two UNDSS, and one WFP staff) via air or sea.

3. **WFP Chartered Vessel**

   - The WFP Chartered Vessel, MV Amsterdam, departed from Jebel Ali Port, Dubai on 3 May, with over than 500m³ cargo for CARE, UNICEF, SOS/IOM, and UNHCR. The vessel is also carrying 250,000 litres of fuel, and is expected to arrive in Hodeidah Port on 9 May.

   - Logistics Cluster is urging partners to submit any request they have for movement of cargo from Djibouti to Yemen. Logistics Cluster will look at how best to accommodate requests.

4. **Civil-Military Coordination**

   - The Logistics Cluster shared that the WFP Civil-Military Coordinator in Riyadh continues to work closely with OCHA and the Saudi Evacuation and Humanitarian Aid Operations Committee. Coordination and communication between the civil-military team in Riyadh and the concerned authority has been established, and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for humanitarian clearance windows for air/sea/land are being drafted.

   - Participants were advised that the de-confliction team in Amman consisting of OCHA, UNDSS and WFP, is working with partners to request clearance and also to follow up with Riyadh for clearance.

5. **Fuel Provision In-country and Fuel Shipment to Yemen**

   - The Logistics Cluster shared that the Logistics Cluster distributed a total of 60,000 litres to 17 partners during the month of April (43,800 litres diesel, and 16,200 litres petrol) from the stocks that had been available.

   - In order to ensure sufficient in Yemen, WFP has purchased 250,000 litres that are expected to arrive on 9 May in Hodeidah.

   - In addition, 120,000 litres of fuel are being loaded onto a vessel in Djibouti for Hodeidah Port, due to leave on 4 May.

   - The fuel will be transported and made available in the following quantities to humanitarian organizations: 120,000 litres in Hodeidah, 90,000 litres in Sana’a, 60,000 litres in Aden and 40,000 litres in Haradh, Sa’ada and Taiz.

6. **Agency Updates and A.O.B.**

   - The Logistics Cluster shared that the following was published on the Yemen operations page:
     - a road/distance matrix: http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/2.3+Yemen+Road+Network
     - a Djibouti General Logistics map: http://www.logcluster.org/map/djibouti-general-logistics-and-planning-map-0
     - a Yemen General Logistics Planning map: http://www.logcluster.org/map/yemen-general-logistics-and-planning-map
     - an updated transporter list and a list of transporters per district:
       - http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/4.2.7+Yemen+Transporter+Contact+List
     - ACF advised that their programmes include the distribution of hygiene kits in Hodeidah and Hajjah. Livestock distribution is also underway, and an upcoming food distribution is planned with WFP. Currently access to Haradh is difficult.
     - DRC noted requiring a Mobile Storage Units (MSU) in Sa’adah. The Logistics Cluster offered to make one MSU available via WFP. DRC also shared that some if its reception centers for newly arrived displaced persons continue to operate, while others
have closed due to the current situation. WASH and food distribution activities are underway, however medical items and fuel are in short supply.

- InterSOS enquired about the status of and information on the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC). The Logistics Cluster informed participants that the ETC has been activated and one ETC Officer has arrived in Amman on 4 May. The next ETC meetings, and activities will be shared with participants and discussed at the Inter-Cluster Coordination Meeting (ICCM) in Amman.

- OHCHR informed participants that it is working in six governorates and OHCHR’s fuel needs are covered in Sana’a, but access to the other governorates proves challenging.

- OCHA advised that it had been communicating with the Governor of Hajjah who indicated that special arrangements could be made for fuel to be sold to organizations from some fuel pumps in the city. Participants were advised to coordinate with OCHA for further details.

- Relief International shared the contact information of its logistics focal point in Sana’a for coordination of fuel requests.

- Save the Children noted that it has several programmes in place, including in Damar where distribution of WASH items is underway for 3,500 beneficiaries. Save the Children reported no issues for local transport.

- UNFPA noted that it is finalizing shipments of urgent relief items to Yemen. In-country stock remain available and are stored in a national warehouse. UNFPA plans to distribute some supplies shortly, but foresees a shortage of fuel for its activities and will send them to the Logistics Cluster.

- UNICEF shared that it is sending a vessel to Aden via Djibouti with medical supplies (including supplies for IMC). UNICEF also noted that food is being sent to Hodeidah Port, with no difficulty experienced previously with customs clearance.

- UNICEF is expecting a chartered flight to Djibouti with 110 metric tonnes of aid cargo, which will be cross-loaded onto vessels/boats upon arrival, without being put into the Free Zone. The option of using Mokha Port is also being explored. UNICEF shared that it is also releasing WASH and hygiene stocks from its regional hub in Amman, and is looking at transporting temperature controlled pharmaceuticals for the Ministry of Health (on a chartered flight from Muscat to Sana’a if possible). UNICEF noted that its transporter in Yemen are not facing any fuel issues at present.

- The Logistics Cluster shared that it will update partners on the potential use of Mokha Port.

- UNDP advised that it is no longer working in Sa’adah. For potential consignments in-transit to Djibouti, UNDP is discussing bilaterally with the Logistics Cluster staff in the Djibouti Logistics Hub.

- UNHCHR shared that it is working on customs clearance for its cargo on the WFP chartered vessel MV Amsterdam, ETA Hodeidah 9 May.

- YFCA shared that it is working with partner organizations for projects under the Yemen Flash Appeal. Food distribution is also underway in Taiz and Ibb. YFCA is working on signing the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with WFP in order to avail fuel provision.

- ZOA International noted that it is based in Sana’a and has sent its fuel requirements to the Logistics Cluster.

- The date and venue of the next Coordination Meeting in Amman will be confirmed via email and on the Yemen Cluster webpage.
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