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Yemen, Amman

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Amman, WFP Office

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster Deputy Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS
ACF, IMMAP, OCHA, Relief International, WFP.

ACTION POINTS
- Partners to share their pipelines, dispatch, transport and distribution plans
- Partners to share with their respective HQ and regional offices that airlifts are intended for urgent cargo and are to be used as a last resort only
- Logistics Cluster to share a pipeline template with Partners

AGENDA
Introductory Note
1. Concept of Operations
2. Sea Transport
3. Airlifts

Introductory Note

Please note this was an ad hoc meeting held with the objective to engage Partners that have Amman-based support to the Yemen Operation, to ensure key logistics messages are shared broadly and logistics needs captured.

2. Concept of Operations

- Given the logistical constraints that Partners have been facing with inland transport, the suggestion is to use Hodeidah as main supply chain corridor for the north of Yemen and Aden for the south of Yemen.
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to facilitate access to storage and transport services in/from Hodeidah and Aden, as well as in the other locations as per the ConOps.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to closely coordinate with Partners to rapidly explore different/new options for both upstream and downstream cargo (for sea and road transport) in order to prevent supply chain bottlenecks in Aden and other strategic locations.
- To allow for the above, all Partners are strongly encouraged to share their upstream and downstream pipelines with the Logistics Cluster, alongside dispatch, transport and distribution plans. This is to ensure the Logistics Cluster can have visibility on Partners’ needs and operational planning and plan its own operations accordingly in an effective and efficient manner.
The Logistics Cluster invites the humanitarian logistics community to shift to longer term planning and to consider commercial options, where available.

3. Sea Transport

- As an alternative solution to the current south-north inland transport challenges, the Logistics Cluster is currently looking into sea route options. Specifically, the Jeddah-Hodeidah sea route (for pipeline cargo that has the north as final destination) and the Aden-Hodeidah sea route (for cargo which is currently in Aden but that has the north of country as final destination).
- It is essential that all Partners share their sea transport pipelines with the Logistics Cluster. This is to ensure the Logistics Cluster can explore appropriate transport options and plan based on Partners requirements (e.g. ad hoc request for sea transport or regular sea transport services).

3. Airlifts

- Airlifts will continue to be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster until the end of 2019, therefore Partners’ are strongly encouraged to shift focus towards maritime shipping.
- Airlifts are intended for urgent cargo only and are to be used as a last resort only. Partners should share this information with their respective HQ and regional offices to ensure an appropriate use of airlifts.

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