DATE: 7 September 2015
LOCATION: Djibouti
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: UNFPA, ACF, WHO, UNICEF, NRC, IMC
ACTION POINTS:
- The Logistics Cluster will keep organisations informed on the status of the MV Drive Mahone.
- The Logistics Cluster to keep organisations updated on the accessibility of Aden Airport for UNHAS flights.
- The Logistics Cluster to look into the possibility of offering dhow shunting services.

AGENDA:
1. Situation Update
2. Procedures
3. Operational Updates
4. Air Transport
5. AOB

1. Situation Update

- Heavy airstrikes continue to significantly hamper humanitarian operations in the country.
- The MV Mona continues to discharge humanitarian relief goods at the Hodeidah Port after a successful berth on 3 September 2015.
- The vessel the MV Drive Mahone, carrying 446 m³ for UNICEF, UNFPA, ACF, YRC and 180,000 litres of diesel is currently at anchor outside of Hodeidah Port.
- A security assessment mission to Aden is tentatively planned for 13-15 September 2015. The mission, which will include staff from a number of organisations will assess the situation for possible deployment of international staff.

Access Constraints

- It was reported the road between Ibb – Ta’izz has very limited accessibility. The situation however is evolving and organisations were reminded that access can change at any time.
- The roads between Hodeidah – Abs and Mokha – Hodeidah are reported to be accessible.
- Discussions regarding UNHAS operating to and from Aden Airport are ongoing and any updates will be shared via the mailing list.

2. Procedures

- Information products such as situation updates, access constraints maps, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and In-Transit Customs clearance updates are regularly updated and can be found on the Logistics Cluster website at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/yem10a.

3. Operational Updates

Sea transport

- The MV Mona continues to discharge 25 mt / 81 m³ relief cargo (medicines, equipment) at Hodeidah Port on behalf of IMC, UNFPA and UNHCR, facilitated by the Logistics Cluster. Discharge is expected to be completed on 9 September 2015.

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- The MV Amsterdam, transporting relief items and equipment including Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC) equipment is expected to depart tonight, 7 September to Aden as the vessel is now fully loaded and has received clearance to depart.
- The MV Mainport Cedar is supporting a six-passenger inter agency assessment mission from UNHCR, UNDSS, UNICEF and WFP in Aden. The vessel is expected to return to Djibouti on 10 September 2015, following which possible future rotations to transport passengers to Aden can take place.

Fuel
- Participants were reminded to contact co_yem_fuel@wfp.org for any enquiries or follow up on fuel related issues.

Cargo Tracking
- The new Logistics Cluster cargo tracking officer, Mira Baddour, was introduced and organisation advised that she will follow up on all upstream and downstream cargo requests and can be contacted at mira.baddour@wfp.org or yemen.clustercargo@wfp.org.

4. Air Transport
- UNHAS informed the Logistics Cluster that in the event of organisations staff failing to show for flight bookings, a penalty of USD 400 for each passenger will be charged to the respective organisations whose staff failed to show.
- Organisations were reminded that for air services, cargo airlift requests should be sent to yemen.clustercargo@wfp.org, while passenger movement requests should be forwarded to UNHAS.yemen@wfp.org.

5. AOB
- Participants enquired if the Logistics Cluster could investigate the possibility of contracting dhows for the shunting of non-food items (NFIs) to Yemen. The Logistics Cluster informed the organisations it will investigate options and keep organisations informed.
- The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will be held on 21 September at 3pm in Djibouti.

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