Yemen – Meeting Minutes

DATE: 6 October 2015
LOCATION: Djibouti
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: UNFPA, ACF, UNICEF, WHO

ACTION POINTS:
- The Logistics Cluster to send a notification to participants to inform about the ETD of MV Amsterdam.

AGENDA:
1. Situation Update
2. Logistics Cluster Services
3. Operational Updates
4. UNHAS
5. AoB

Situation Update
- An inter-agency mission to Aden is ongoing to conduct assessments on the humanitarian situation and to prepare the future scale-up of operations. The mission will return to Djibouti on 7 October. The transport of passengers is facilitated on the MV Mainport Cedar from Djibouti to Aden by the Logistics Cluster on the WFP-chartered vessel.
- UNICEF enquired about the re-establishment of UN international presence in Hodeidah. The Logistics Cluster indicated that assessments for the re-establishment of the presence are ongoing in Aden, but for the moment not in Hodeidah.

Access Constraints
- Osaifera Bridge (Bani Matar area, close to Sana’a) has been hit by airstrike on 1 October. There is an alternative road through Al Mahweet that is currently being used to reach Hodeidah. The road between Taiz and Lahej is currently difficult to access due to ongoing conflict in the Karesh area.

1. Logistics Cluster Services
- For the Logistics Cluster to be able to transport inter-agency goods from Djibouti to Yemen and to arrange the in-transit customs clearance, it is necessary that the consignor, consignee and notifying party are correct. Consignor is the sender, the consignee is the receiving agency in Yemen (not in Djibouti) and the notifying party should be WFP Djibouti.

Storage Capacity
- Due to the low demand for storage capacity in Yemen and the continuing constraints imposed by the lack of access and the security, the Logistics Cluster will offer a storage capacity of 320 m² in Sana’a, Hodeidah and in Aden from October 2015.

2. Operational Updates

Sea Transport
- The MV DRIVE MAHONE completed discharging 180,000 litres of truck fuel and 446 m³ on behalf of UNICEF, UNFPA, ACF and YRC at Hodeidah port on 29 September.
• The MV MAINPORT CEDAR arrived at Aden port on 5 October and will remain there until 7 October for a UN inter-agency assessment mission. The vessel is expected to return to Djibouti on 8 October.

• The MV AMSTERDAM loaded 110 containers at Doraleh Container Terminal for Hodeidah port over the weekend and moved to anchor, awaiting a window to berth at Djibouti port to continue loading additional cargo on behalf of IMC, ACF, UNFPA and UNICEF. The Amsterdam is also scheduled to load IOM and IMC cargo to be discharged at aden port. The departure date of the vessel will depend on the berthing time.

Cargo tracking

• As of 6 October, 1,025 m³ are in storage for UNICEF, WFP, OXFAM, and UNFPA at the Djibouti warehouse in the Free Zone, pending transport to Yemen.

Fuel

• Since April 2015 and up to 6 October, 2,259,030 litres of fuel have been distributed to 60 organisations, facilitated by the Logistics Cluster. As of 6 October, 72,000 litres of diesel and 116,000 litres of petrol remain available for distribution.

• The participants interested in receiving fuel should send their Pro Forma Invoices to: co_yem_fuel@wfp.org. The detailed fuel Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are available at: http://www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-SOPs-fuel.

3. UNHAS

• UNHAS reminded the participants that as the Coalition clearance is received last minute, passengers are informed on the time of the departure with short pre-notice.

• In addition, UNHAS informed that it cannot accept booking requests on the day before the flight, as the passenger manifest has to be sent 72 hours before the departure of the flight, in order to obtain the coalition clearance.

4. AoB

The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will take place on Monday 19 October at 15:00 at the WFP Office in Djibouti.

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