

- DATE:** 11 April 2016
- LOCATION:** Djibouti
- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator Sana'a
- PARTICIPANTS:** IOM, MSF, ACF, UNICEF, UNHAS/WFP, ICRC
- ACTION POINTS:**
- The Logistics Cluster to send official communication on the next special chartered aircraft: SOPs and financial requirement (cost recovery or free of costs basis) by the end of this week.
 - The Logistics Cluster to communicate final decision on the continuation of the custom clearance service.
 - The Logistics Cluster to revert back to IOM on the pending cargo.
- AGENDA:**
1. Situation Update
 2. Operational Updates
 3. Logistics Cluster coordinated services
 4. UNHAS
 5. AoB

Situation Update

- The ceasefire in Yemen took hold between 10 and 11 April, ahead of peace talks scheduled to start on 18 April in Kuwait.

Access

- **Djibouti port** has been partially operational over the weekend (8 and 9 April) due to the political elections. Regular activities resumed on 10 April.
- **Hodeidah port** remains congested, with 20 vessel waiting at anchorage. Berth delays are mainly attributed to the majority of the port cranes being out of service and vessels having to use their own cranes to discharge, which takes longer.
- **Aden airport** is non-operational. ICRC and MSF discontinued flights to Aden since October due to insecurity on the ground.

Passenger transport to Aden

- Mainport Cedar left Djibouti on 10 April, with passenger from UNDSS, WFP, UNHCR and OXFAM on-board. The Logistics Cluster informed that the NGO Forum in Yemen requested a regular schedule for passenger transport to Aden, as many INGOs conduct activities in Aden. The Logistics Cluster is working on a proposal to facilitate the service.
- MSF informed that it can offer passenger transport service (capacity 10 pax) once a week to Aden at the following prices: USD 0.16 per kilo for cargo and USD 200 per passenger (one way).
- MSF also shared the contacts of the dhow company: *Abdallah et Frères*. The company has dhows with capacity from 40 mt to 60 mt, and passenger capacity for 10 people.

1. Operational Updates

Sea Transport [updated as of 12 April]

- **MV Skytrain** berthed in Hodeidah on 12 April. The vessel waited for almost two weeks at anchorage mainly due to limited cranes capacity to offload. *Cargo:* UNHCR, ICRC, UNDP (56 mt and 370 m³).
- **Dhow Amanat** (voyage number 5) is currently loading cargo in Djibouti and ETD to Hodeidah is 13 April. *Cargo:* UNFPA, Save the Children, UNHCR, IMC, UNFPA (100 mt and 480 m³).
- **MV Amsterdam** arrived in Hodeidah on 9 April and is waiting for berth. *Cargo:* WHO (881 mt and 4,000 m³).
- **VOS Apollo** first voyage to Hodeidah is planned to take place at the end of the week. *Cargo:* WHO, UNHCR, UNICEF (125,206 mt and 619.29 m³). The VOS Appollo is a chartered vessel that will replace Mainport Cedar starting from beginning of May.
- **Mainport Cedar** arrived on 12 April in Aden. *Cargo:* IOM (17.9 mt and 58 m³) and passenger assessment mission with staff from UNDSS, WFP, UNHCR and Oxfam. The mission is expected to return to Djibouti on 14 April.
- UNICEF shared that they plan to keep Djibouti operation at least for the next six months. A total of 50 containers were sent directly to Hodeidah port over the past months, without passing form Djibouti.
- UNICEF shared that several dhows were diverted from Hodeidah port several times since the beginning of 2016.
- The Logistics Cluster shared that they will be using dhows on ad hoc basis according to the needs.

2. Logistics Cluster coordinated services

Custom clearance

- The following organisations are not using the service: IOM, ACF, UNICEF, MSF, UNHCR, UNDP. The Logistics Cluster informed that this service could be discontinued in the near future as organisations can refer directly to C&F agents in Djibouti.
- The Logistics Cluster has compiled and shared the list of C&F agents in Djibouti. The list is available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following link: logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/3.3+Djibouti+Additional+Service+Providers

Air transport

- A special chartered aircraft was completed on 5 April, with 36 mt and on behalf of UNFPA, UNHCR, IMC, ACF, Handicap International, MSF-F and WHO.
- Organisations were reminded that when an SRF is submitted, the Logistics Cluster needs to be informed in advance on the ETA of the cargo at the airport in order to receive the cargo.
- The Logistics Cluster informed that a national staff has been hired to represent the Logistics Cluster at the airport and manage all incoming and outgoing consignments at the airport.

- Participants discussed on the need of special chartered aircrafts to be operated on a monthly basis for life saving items from Djibouti to Sana’a. The next combined airlift will be on Tuesday 10 May. The Logistics Cluster will send an official communication with SOPs including cost modalities (cost recovery or free to user) by the end of the week.
- The Logistics Cluster explained that the following documents need to be submitted for air transport requests: packing list, Service Request Form (SRF) and Cargo Movement request (CMR), commercial invoice and cargo distribution plan in Yemen.
- ICRC operated three chartered flights from Amman to Sana’a over the past three months.

3. AoB

- Participants asked whether additional measures would be taken for cold chain transport. The Logistics Cluster mentioned that for the time being there will be no extra cold chain measures.
- [Updated] UNHRD will give a presentation on the new humanitarian hub, offering cold chain storage, during the next Logistics Cluster meeting.

The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will take place on Monday 25 April at 15:00 at the WFP Office in Djibouti.

Contacts:

AIR, SEA & LAND TRANSPORT

Yemen.cargo@logcluster.org

Christophe Morard	<i>Logistics Cluster Coordinator</i>	Christophe.morard@wfp.org
Roberto Marazzani	<i>Logistics Officer</i>	Roberto.marazzani@wfp.org
Silvia Pontillo	<i>Information Management Officer</i>	Silvia.pontillo@wfp.org
Thomas Debandt	<i>Logistics Officer – Air Operation</i>	Thomas.debandt@wfp.org
Armand Adon	<i>Logistics Officer – Sea Operation</i>	Armand.adon@wfp.org
Andrea Rosales	<i>Cargo tracking Officer</i>	Andrea.rosales@wfp.org