Meeting Minutes

DATE: 12 December 2016
LOCATION: Hodeidah
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS: UNICEF, ACTED, PU-AMI, WFP
AGENDA:
1. Situation update;
2. Overland transport;
3. Fuel update;
4. Operational Updates;
5. New documentation to Access/Use Common Logistics Services;
6. AOB.

ACTION POINT:
- Organisations to submit their fuel requirements for the period of six months.
- Partners who have the cargo at Logistics Cluster warehouse inside the port, requested to move their cargo in order to have space for upcoming partner’s cargo.
- Partners are requested to fill the SRF correctly for the services they require the Cluster to facilitate - all the necessary documents are available on the Logistics Cluster website.

1. Situation Update

- After welcoming participants, Logistics Cluster informed the participants that the year is coming to an end and that they are in the process of consolidating information on services facilitated in 2016.

- Participants were informed that the passengers’ service between Djibouti and Aden is still operational and is expected to continue until mid-April. The schedule for the months of January and February have been shared through the mailing list, and is available on the Yemen operation webpage.

Ports Update

- The Logistics Cluster shared the following updates on entry ports:
  - Aden (Gulf of Aden): operational;
  - Hodeidah (Red Sea): operational but with limited capacity;
  - Saleef (Red Sea): operational;
  - Mukalla (Gulf of Aden): operational;
  - Ash Shihir (Gulf of Aden): operational;
  - Ras Issa-Shore Tanks (Red Sea): operational;
  - Ras Issa - SBM (Red Sea): closed;
  - Mokha (Red Sea): closed;
2. Overland Transport

Access Update

- Due to the current security situation, crossing from the North of Yemen to the South remains difficult.
- The Logistics Cluster is planning to ship a fuel dispenser from Sana’a to Hodeidah to improve efficient fuel provision service.
- UNICEF informed participants of mishaps regarding one dhow that arrived with the cargo in Hodeidah port which was enlisted under UNICEF’s name. After clearing up the issue regarding the cargo, it was confirmed that the dhow does not belong to UNICEF, but WHO and was mistakenly documented under UNICEF.
- ACTED informed participants that on 11 December, an airstrike hit the highway road from Hodeidah to Taiz in the area called Mansoria. The damaged part of the road was filled by gravel and levelled by the government.

3. Fuel Update

- Logistics Cluster reminded participating agencies that a request to share indicative fuel requirements for the upcoming six months; so far, 18 organisations have shared their needs allowing for better planning of 2017 activities.
- Organisations were informed that fuel is currently available in Hodeida. Additionally, the Logistics Cluster reminded that fuel quality has recently been tested, and that SGS lab results are available for both diesel and petrol.
- Organisations were informed that the Logistics Cluster recently held a meeting with the executive director of Yemen Petroleum Company (YPC). The following information was shared:
  - Current in-country fuel stock is limited, and prices are expected to rise;
  - Due to recent restrictions, import of JET A1 is currently prohibited;
  - A legislation to allow private businesses to import and sell fuel in Yemen was recently passed;
  - 15% VAT has been introduced on all fuel imports through the ports of Ras Issa or Hodeida; the tax does not apply to imports through the Port of Aden (source YPC);
• The Logistics Cluster will also explore the possibility of refining fuel from the duty stations (Aden, Sana'a, and Hodeida) every three months, in order to have a healthy and clean batch available for agencies.

• Service users were requested to withdraw from the distribution stations a minimum of 50-100 litres per GRN.

• Additionally, organisations were informed that stock cards would soon be in place for each service user, to monitor daily dispatching activities and share weekly reports. This will allow agencies to timely collect the remaining quantity and to free storage capacity.

4. Operational Update

Passenger Transport Service

• VoS Apollo/Triton schedule for the months of January and February, which has not been modified and still matches UNHAS Sana’a-Djibouti rotation, has been shared with organisations.
  • Agencies are reminded to plan their missions ahead of time.
  • Agencies are reminded to respect the weight limit of 25kg when boarding UNHAS flights.

5. New documentation to Access/Use Common Logistics Services

• Partners have been presented Common Logistics Services available for the Yemen Operations and how to access these services through the submission of the newly released request/release documents. Partners have been trained on how to fill in these two documents and user instructions and guidelines have been shared. The relevant documents are available on the Logistics Cluster website:

The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will take place at WFP Office in Hodeidah in January (tbc).

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