

<b>LOCATION:</b>	WHO - Sana'a Office
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<b>CHAIR:</b>	Logistics Cluster Coordinator
<b>PARTICIPANTS:</b>	WHO , OXFAM, Qatar Red Cross, Handicap International, OCHA, UNICEF, IOM, IRC, ACF, UNDP, Yemen Red Cross
<b>AGENDA:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Situation Update - Outbreak Cholera response (presentation by WHO)</li><li>2. Update on Logistics Cluster Activities</li><li>3. Logistics Cluster Resources Update</li><li>4. Organisations Logistics Activities &amp; Logistics Challenges and Bottlenecks</li><li>5. AOB</li></ol>
<b>ACTION POINTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WHO to share with the Logistics Cluster the conditions to obtain authorisation from Yemen authorities to import medicine. Logistics Cluster to then share the list/conditions with all humanitarian organisations;</li><li>• Service users to share with the Logistics Cluster their fuel requirements for June – December 2017;</li><li>• Service users to share with Logistics Cluster upcoming plans to request air service (free to users) for movement of cargo for the cholera response.</li><li>• Service users to sign air waybills and acknowledge the arrival of cargo into Sana'a airport upon completion of services;</li><li>• Humanitarian organizations to share with the Logistics Cluster any updated information on their facilities for the warehouse capacity map;</li><li>• Service users to share with the Logistics Cluster comments on the Yemen Lessons Learned Report.</li></ul>

### Situation Update

- WHO presented on WHO Yemen Logistics hubs and team and summarised the role of WHO in the Cholera Outbreak response, explaining activities and prioritisation, namely:

#### **Immediate Distribution**

- The Sana'a Hub completed 35 distributions, including: 14 cholera kits, 105,500 bags of ringer lactate;
- The Hodeida Hub completed 10 distributions, including 8 cholera kits and 17,000 bags of 500 ml ringer;
- The Aden Hub completed 7 distributions with just over 1,000 bags of 500 ml ringer solution;
- Ibb Hub completed 12 distributions including: 7,000 bags of ringer and 5 cholera kits.

#### **Immediate Cholera Stock**

- Charter (thanks to the World Bank, WFP/UNHAS) to bring in 124,000 bags of 500 ml ringer lactate;
- Shipment arriving 7 June will bring 128,000 bags of 500 ml ringer lactate;
- There is ongoing negotiation with authorities to have an additional 300,000 ml ringer lactate, as well as 200,000 ml of other fluids;
- The priority is to support the Ministry of Health, but can also support NGOs. In order to increase patient data, service users were invited to share any relevant information with Dr Najib at [Thabitthabitn@who.int](mailto:Thabitthabitn@who.int) keeping in cc Chris Houston at [houstonc@who.int](mailto:houstonc@who.int).

**WHO Technical Team Objectives (Logistics Focus)**

- 327 Diarrhea Treatment Centres “DTC”;
- 1,500 Oral Rehydration Corners;
- Community awareness and education;
- Health coordination and epidemiology.

**Challenges**

- Difficulties to import items and to move them, especially between the north and the south;
  - Overwhelming needs and limited resources;
  - Donors focus on the medical supplies themselves and less on operations/logistics;
  - WHO primary partner, the Ministry of Health, is split in 2 and is overstretched in capacity;
  - Road infrastructure across the country is limited and damaged;
  - IT issues;
  - Insecurity and impact on ability for staff to move, especially international staff.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinator asked how INGOs can streamline the process of importing medicines. WHO informed the group that there are specific conditions requested by the authorities; they will share the list of these conditions with the Logistics Cluster, to share with other organisations.

**Update on Logistics Cluster Activities**

**Passenger Service**

- Service users were advised to avoid late booking, and to avoid double-booking on UNHAS and VOS Apollo, as this creates confusion.
- Deadlines for passenger booking and cargo sea movement from Djibouti to Aden are as following:
  - ETD Djibouti Sunday -> booking deadline Thursday 12:00 am
  - ETD Aden Wednesday -> booking deadline Tuesday 12:00 am.
- Late bookings are no longer accepted, and the service ran on a first-come-first served basis.
- No changes in the passenger sea transport schedule for the months of June and July.
- The Logistics Cluster informed that the latest Passenger Overview is available at the following link: [www.logcluster.org/document/passengers-sea-transport-overview-april-2017](http://www.logcluster.org/document/passengers-sea-transport-overview-april-2017)
- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that, thanks to the contributions received by DFID and Canada, WFP will be able to extend the passenger service until 11 August 2017.
- Humanitarian organisations are encouraged to send all communication related to sea passenger service to [co\\_yem\\_passenger@wfp.org](mailto:co_yem_passenger@wfp.org).

**Yemen Logistics Cluster Lessons Learned Exercise**

- The Yemen Lessons Learned Report has been published on the Logistics Cluster website at the following link: [www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-lessons-learned-report-april-2017](http://www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-lessons-learned-report-april-2017)
- OXFAM, which was part of the Lessons Learned team, congratulated the Logistics Cluster for the achievements in emergency coordination, and indicated that many service users had expressed satisfaction for the Logistics Cluster response in Yemen.

**Organisations Warehouse Capacity Map**

- The Logistics Cluster presented the map of in-country Warehouse Capacity, based on the information received by humanitarian organisations regarding their facilities.
- Small adjustments will be made on the map, based on feedback received by ACF, PUMI and IRC.

**Update on the fuel station in Sana'a**

- The Logistics Cluster informed the group that it is working on mapping out organisations fuel requirements for June – December 2017.

**Logistics Cluster Resources Update**

- The Logistics Cluster informed the group that it will share funding and donor updates on a regular basis, to allow for a better understanding of available capacity.
- The Logistics Cluster explained that it has been facing challenges when requesting funding, due to difficulties in having a full picture on the common logistical requirements.
- Organisations were requested to share their logistics contingency plans and any logistics requirements for the upcoming six months, if they are planning to rely on common logistics services in Yemen, to allow for better long-term planning and funding for the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster proceeded to give an overview on fuel expenditures and shortfalls.

**Organisations Activities, Logistics Challenges & Bottlenecks**

- IRC is facing challenges in regard to storage for hygiene kits, and that they are looking for warehouse capacity in Hodeidah. IRC also communicated that it has faced issues in transport from Sana'a to Hodeidah.
- WFP advised IRC to meet with WFP Logistics Unit and the Logistics Cluster to address their storage challenges in Hodeidah and cargo transports difficulties, to find a common solution.
- The Logistics Cluster is coordinating with OCHA to explore the possibility of creating a coordination cell, with the government, to streamline and fast track all clearance requests and deconfliction issues, which is a work in progress.
- WHO informed the group that they are looking to buy or rent two reefers containers for cold-chain in Aden.

**AOB**

- Participants are encouraged to share comments on SOPs, meeting agenda and the Hodeidah contingency plan.
- Service users are reminded that they must sign air waybills acknowledging the arrival of cargo in Sana'a airport.

*The invitation for the Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will be shared via the Logistics Cluster mailing list*

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