Monthly Operation Overview – July 2015

Background

Due to the dire security situation, which rapidly deteriorated since mid-March 2015, the humanitarian community is facing the challenge of mounting an appropriate response and accessing people in need of assistance. Access to the country by air and sea is proving challenging as the conflict spreads and travel by road between key locations is not safe. The problem of limited logistics services and inadequate infrastructure are compounded by in-country fuel shortages, which disrupt relief operations. A system wide Level 3 Emergency was declared in Yemen on 1 July 2015 (OCHA, 1 July 2015). In response, the Logistics Cluster (initially activated in May 2010) scaled up its activities to provide assistance to humanitarian organisations operating in the country, including logistics coordination, information management and service provision.

Coordination and Information Management

- Coordination Cells have been established in Djibouti and in Sana’a, with over 30 organisations attending the weekly meetings as of 31 July.
- In July, 24 IM products, including meeting minutes, humanitarian vessel tracking and Situation Updates, have been shared via a dedicated mailing list and the Logistics Cluster Yemen operations page: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/yem10a.
- As access constraints continue to impede humanitarian operations, updated information is provided weekly: http://www.logcluster.org/map/yemen-access-constraints-map-7-august-2015

In-Transit Customs Facilitation, Storage and Sea transport from Djibouti

- As of the end of July, a total of 450 m³ of humanitarian cargo has been transported from Djibouti to Hodeidah and Aden ports, on behalf of five organisations, including: Action against Hunger (ACF), UNICEF, Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRC), International Medical Corps (IMC) and Bender Djedid.
- In Djibouti, the Logistics Cluster facilitates the in-transit customs clearance for cargo destined to Yemen, the storage of in-transit cargo and the transport by sea or air to Yemen.
- 1,650 m² storage capacity is available at the bonded warehouse and 640 m² at the airport. A snapshot detailing the documents required for the in-transit customs clearance is available here: http://www.logcluster.org/document/how-to-access-yemen-logistics-services.

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Air transport

- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported a total of 260 passengers for 34 organisations.
- Since April, 569 passengers were transported, with the Logistics Cluster facilitating the air movement of 2.9 mt of light cargo from Djibouti to Sana’a for four organisations.

Storage and Overland Transport in Yemen

- In July, additional inter-agency cargo storage capacity has been established in Aden, Hodeidah and Sana’a, with 640 m² available in each of the three locations.
- The Logistics Cluster has facilitated the storage of 582 m³ in Yemen for UNICEF and IMC.
- The Logistics Cluster started facilitating access to overland transport in Yemen in July, with up to 170 trucks available to transport humanitarian relief cargo. Organisations can deliver cargo to storage facilities in Aden, Hodeidah and Sana’a or request for cargo to be collected and dispatched, based on submitted Service Request Forms (SRFs).

Fuel provision

- During the reporting period, over 120,000 litres of diesel and 40,000 litres of petrol were distributed in Sana’a to 30 organisations.
- In July, Aden port became accessible and 500,000 litres of fuel were discharged. Out of this consignment, 420,000 litres were allocated to WFP, UNICEF, IOM, UNHCR, UNDP and Medecins Sans Frontières France, with the remaining 80,000 litres to be allocated to life-saving activities.

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