The logistics Cluster coordinates and facilitates a weekly passenger movement between Djibouti and Aden on the WFP-chartered vessel, VOS Apollo, which is also used for emergency rescue and evacuation purposes. Standard Operating Procedures are available at: http://www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-passenger-sea-transport-guide-march-2018.

Since May 2016, a regular schedule and booking system have been in place, with weekly rotations between Djibouti and Aden. The schedule allows passengers to easily connect with UNHCR flights between Djibouti and San'a.

General overview

- 144 rotations with 2,603 passengers transported between Djibouti and Aden on behalf of 44 service users (14 UN agencies, 25 NGOs, 4 NGOs and 1 international organisation), for an average rate of use of 38% (maximum capacity 25 passengers per leg/50 per voyage).
- Thanks to the contributions received by ECHO, Canada and USAID, WFP and the Logistics Cluster will be able to extend the service until the end of June 2019.

Total passenger movements

![Bar chart showing total passenger movements](image)

Passengers accommodated in Hodeidah

Due to the limited options for accommodation in the city of Hodeidah, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to a free-of-charge accommodation service on the WFP-chartered vessel VOS Theia and VOS Apollo, which also serve for emergency rescue and evacuation. The two vessels rotate on a regular basis to provide this service, which is intended exclusively for use by UN Agencies, International Humanitarian Organisations, and International or National Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) recognised by OCHA and operating in Yemen.

Since January 2019, 31 organisations from 10 UN agencies have used the service.

Top 15 users since May 2016

- The Top 15 Users make up 88% of the passengers who have used the service since May 2016.
- The remaining 12% includes an additional 30 organisations.

February overview

- 12 passengers from 5 organisations benefited from the sea passenger transport service.
- The first voyage of the month (voyage 141) was cancelled as VOS Apollo travelled to Hodeidah to swap with VOS Theia to provide accommodation and emergency passenger transport if needed.
- Voyages on the Djibouti - Aden route resumed with voyage 142, and have been performed by VOS Theia since then.

Average Use Rate

![Average Use Rate chart](image)

More information can be found at http://www.logcluster.org/ops/yem19fa

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