Yemen – Meeting Minutes

DATE: 18 July 2016
LOCATION: Sana’a
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: Care, ACTED, IOM, MDM, OXFAM.
ACTION POINTS:
- The Logistics Cluster to discuss internally the possibility for WFP to raise the issue of security clearance for overland transport during the HCT.

AGENDA:
1. Situation Update
2. Passenger transport
3. Access Update
4. Operational Updates (sea, air, fuel)
5. UNHAS
6. AoB

1. Situation Update

- The Logistics Cluster informed that the Yemen Petroleum Company (YPC) announced the increase of fuel prices in the local market:
  - Sana’a: price for Diesel 180 YR/l - Petrol 180 YR/l
  - Aden: price for Diesel 185 YR/l - Petrol 165 YR/l

Passenger transport

- The Logistics Cluster shared that 81 passengers from 15 organisation used the passengers transport service travelling Djibouti-Aden-Djibouti.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded that requests need to be sent at least 72 hrs in advance, to allow for timely submission of the passenger manifest to the Coalition for clearance.

Access

- Organisations flagged that often requests for security clearance for overland transport are rejected. Participants called for the Logistics Cluster support in raising the issue at inter-agency level (Logistics Cluster, Inter-Cluster meetings or the HCT) to ensure follow up with the Ministry of Interior when clearances are submitted. The Logistics Cluster will discuss the possibility for WFP to raise the issue to the Humanitarian Country Team.
- Participants mentioned that significant challenges continue to be experienced to access the areas of Hajah, Taiz, Marib, due to ongoing insecurity.

2. Operational Updates

Air transport

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating combined chartered airlifts from Djibouti to Sana’a on a cost recovery basis. Next airlift from Djibouti to Sana’a will be on 24 July, with cargo on behalf of MSF, WHO and UNICEF.
- Beyond July, UNHAS air transport will continue from Djibouti to Sana’a.
The Logistics Cluster dismantled 2 MSUs (640 m² capacity) at Djibouti airport on 12 July. The MSUs were dismantled as a result of the operation downscaling.

**Sea transport**
- The dhow Nasr Al Islam arrived in Hodeidah with cargo on behalf of ACF and UNICEF (173,800 mt/425 m³).
- The Logistics Cluster reminded that once the cargo is delivered through commercial shipping liners, it must be cleared 30 days prior to arrival, to avoid demurrage costs.

**Warehousing**
- IOM requested for temporary storage in Sana’a. The Logistics Cluster has one MSU (32 m X 10 m) available and ready to provide temporary storage for Non-Food Items.

*The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will take place on 3 August in Sana’a at 11:00 at WFP office*

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