

- LOCATION:** WFP - Sana'a Office
- DATE:** 26 October 2017
- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster
- PARTICIPANTS:** CARE, Direct Aid, Fews Net, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), IOM, International Rescue Committee (IRC), OCHA, Relief International, UNHCR, War Child Yemen.
- AGENDA:**
1. Situation Update
 2. Update on Logistics Cluster activities : Air, Sea and Road Transport, Storage, Fuel
 3. AOB
- ACTION POINTS:**
- The Logistics Cluster will send an email to assess what organisations would be interested in a working group focused on the Djibouti – Hodeidah sea cargo transport, and on storage needs in Hodeidah and Aden.
 - Logistics Cluster to send an email to collect phone number of organisations interested in joining a WhatsApp group to share and cross check suppliers in Yemen.
 - The Logistics Cluster will prepare and share a factsheet on the WFP Logistics Hub in Djibouti, and on Hodeidah port.

1. Situation Update

- The Logistics Cluster is extending the project until the end of 2018, maintaining the same common services depending on needs and funding.
- The Logistics Cluster invited all organisations interested in using transport service to share their upcoming pipelines for the Logistics Cluster to be able to plan the activities in advance.

2. Air Transport

- In November and December, the Logistics Cluster will facilitate airlifts from Djibouti to Sana'a on a free-to-user basis, as per the below schedule. Dates are subject to modification, and will be communicated further by the Logistics Cluster via the mailing list.

Month	Deadline for submission of SRF	Deadline for submission of remaining documents	Airlift date (Djibouti → Sana'a)
November	Sunday 29 October	Friday 03 November	Monday 13 November
	Sunday 12 November	Friday 17 November	Monday 27 November
December	Sunday 26 November	Friday 01 December	Monday 11 December

- The Logistics Cluster is working on strengthening the working relationship with Air Djibouti at the Djibouti airport to ensure a smooth rollout of future airlift operations and to reduce the margins of delay and error.
- Detailed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on how to access the service are available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following link: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-air-transport-services-august-2017
- SOPs recap snapshot is available at: www.logcluster.org/document/snapshot-air-transport-services-sops-2017
- Service Users are kindly invited to share their pipeline or interest to plan the airlift activities ahead.
- All documents have to be submitted to yemen.clustercargo@wfp.org

3. Sea Transport

Passenger Transport

- On 1 October, the Logistics Cluster introduced booking fees and no-show penalties for all organisations using the passenger service between Djibouti and Aden on the VOS Apollo, in an effort to reduce the number of double bookings with UNHAS and no-shows.
- The Logistics Cluster shared a new Passenger Movement Request with focal points, as there is now the need for every passenger to specify their title/position to be included in the manifest.

Cargo Transport

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates the transport of humanitarian cargo via sea from Djibouti to Aden on board the WFP-chartered VOS Apollo every Sunday. The schedule is available below. The boat has a capacity of 600 mt equivalent to 36 x 20’ containers, and two containers are available for cold chain and temperature-controlled transport of relief items; other containers can be accepted on board.

Month	Deadline for submission of documents	Voyage	Departure Djibouti	Arrival Aden
November	Sunday 29 October	79	Sunday 05 Nov. at 18h00	Monday 6 Nov. at 9h00
	Sunday 05 November	80	Sunday 12 Nov. at 18h00	Monday 13 Nov. at 9h00
	Sunday 12 November	81	Sunday 19 Nov. at 18h00	Monday 20 Nov. at 9h00
	Sunday 19 November	82	Sunday 26 Nov. at 18h00	Monday 27 Nov. at 9h00
December	Sunday 26 November	83	Sunday 03 Dec. at 18h00	Monday 04 Dec. at 9h00
	Sunday 03 December	84	Sunday 10 Dec. at 18h00	Monday 11 Dec. at 9h00
	Sunday 10 December	85	Sunday 17 Dec. at 18h00	Monday 18 Dec. at 9h00
	Sunday 17 December	86	Sunday 24 Dec. at 18h00	Monday 25 Dec. at 9h00
	Sunday 24 December	87	Sunday 31 Dec. at 18h00	Monday 01 Jan. at 9h00

- Organisations using VOS Apollo are requested to take all necessary measures not to slow down the discharge upon arrival as the vessel operates on a very tight schedule.
- One organisation shared with the other participants that one of their containers had to undergo clearance for over one week in Aden. As the VOS Apollo has direct access to the berth, the Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to use the vessel, even for carrying cargo that can be later transported overland to Hodeidah or Sana’a.
- The Logistics Cluster can also facilitate transport via sea from Djibouti to Hodeidah on a free-to-user basis by a contracted dhow upon request. Capacity of the dhow is established based on the weight/volume of transport requests received; overall, capacity varies between 500 mt/300 m³ and 600 mt/400 m³.
- By using Logistics Cluster contracted dhows, access to Hodeidah is faster as UNVIM does not clear humanitarian cargo, hence the vessel can go straight to berth. However, containerized cargo cannot be accepted on board.
- In the next few weeks, provided funding, the Logistics Cluster should charter a vessel with a bigger capacity than dhows to deliver a significant amount of cargo from Djibouti to Hodeidah on behalf of UNICEF and WHO. Organisations interested in joining the service should contact the Logistics Cluster as soon as possible.
- Detailed SOPs on how to access the service are available on the cluster website at the following link: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-sea-transport-august-2017
- SOPs recap snapshot is available at: www.logcluster.org/document/snapshot-sea-transport-services-sops-august-2017
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4. Road Transport

- Some security issues were experienced over the past weeks at various checkpoints; the Logistics Cluster is raising the issue at inter-agency level.
- The Logistics Cluster highlighted that it can obtain security clearances on behalf of partners, but only if they use the overland transport service facilitated by the cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster can facilitate transportation of cargo requiring cold chain. This service is available in Sana'a and Aden upon request.
- The Logistics Cluster inquired on organisations using Amman as a hub to assess how many are transporting cargo via land from Amman to Yemen, and would be willing to transport other organisations' cargo with theirs.
- Negotiations for the opening of the Taizz humanitarian corridor are ongoing. Organisations are invited to refer access issues to the Logistics Cluster and the OCHA-led Access Working Monitoring Group to address them.

5. Storage

- Storage capacity is currently as follows: 5,740 m² in Aden, 3,640 m² in Hodeidah and 320 m² in Sana'a.
- There is a request by WHO and PU-AMI for temperature-controlled storage in Hodeidah; organisations were invited to share relevant contacts, if available, with the Logistics Cluster.
- The WFP Logistics Hub in PK20, Djibouti, can offer storage space to humanitarian organisations on a cost-recovery basis, should they have the need.

6. Fuel

- Fuel is available to humanitarian partners on a cost recovery basis. Diesel and petrol are available in Sana'a and Hodeidah, but there is a serious diesel shortage in Aden. The Logistics Cluster is working to address the issue, and it will communicate any development via the mailing list.

7. AOB

- Four mobile cranes for Hodeidah port have been stored in Dubai since February 2016, awaiting clearance. Meanwhile, an MOU for the removal of the damaged gantry cranes in Hodeidah is being finalised.
- Participants discussed the MOPIC letter sent to INGOs in October, discussions will continue bilaterally.
- Visa restrictions and requirements to enter Yemen were also discussed, as most organisations experience the same issues (denial and delays).

The next meeting will be held on 15 November. Confirmation will be sent via email.

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