

- LOCATION:** WFP Sana'a
- DATE:** 13 September 2018
- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster
- PARTICIPANTS:** ADRA, ACF, ACTED, BFD, CYF, HAD, Handicap International, Humanitarian Response Team (HRT), Islamic Relief Yemen, Médecins du Monde, Mirrors Foundation, MOPIC, MSF-CH, MSF-France, Qatar Charity, PU-AMI, Relief International, Save the Children, SHS, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, Yemen Family Care Association.
- ACTION POINTS:**
- Organisations working in Hodeidah to share their fuel needs with the Logistics Cluster and to check they have sufficient storage capacity on their premises.
  - The Logistics Cluster to share a survey with partners on their use of Djibouti as a logistics hub.
  - The Logistics Cluster to share information regarding tax exemption clearance issues when it becomes available.
  - The Logistics Cluster to raise questions regarding UNHAS bookings with UNHAS.
- AGENDA:**
1. Hodeidah
  2. Common Logistics Services
  3. AOB

## 1. Hodeidah

- Due to the escalation of fighting in and around Hodeidah, and based on a request from the Humanitarian Country Team, the Logistics Cluster enquired about the upcoming fuel needs of meeting participants. Interested organisations were encouraged to plan their fuel needs over the next few weeks and share this with the Logistics Cluster to allow for proper planning. While doing so, organisations are also requested to ensure they have sufficient storage capacity on their premises.
- VOS Theia will be moved from Aden to the holding area outside Hodeidah in case of a potential downsizing of international staff currently in Hodeidah.
- UNHCR and UNICEF reported that their current stocks in Hodeidah are zero; UNICEF only has some cargo dedicated for unexpected emergencies in temperature-controlled warehouses.
- For Phase 9 of the Rapid Response Mechanism in the Hodeidah hub, hygiene and transit kits have been loaded on the trucks, while Immediate Response Rations will be loaded shortly.

## 2. Common Logistics Services

### Sea Transport

- Due to continuing issues with the operations of the VOS Apollo and VOS Theia, the Logistics Cluster and WFP are exploring the possibility of shifting operations to other locations. A few locations are being considered and will be confirmed at a later stage. The Logistics Cluster still envisages carrying out sea cargo transport to Aden and Hodeidah, and air cargo transport to Sana'a, from these locations.

- Due to a significant decrease in the utilisation rate of passenger sea transport to and from Aden, the Logistics Cluster is considering discontinuing this service. UNHAS serves Aden from both Djibouti and Sana'a, while commercial air services have resumed recently to and from Aden.
- The Logistics Cluster will soon share a quick survey to assess organisations' needs and interest in continuing to use Djibouti as a logistics hub. ACF, PU-AMI, UNICEF and WHO have reported that they expect to have cargo coming to Djibouti in the near future; the former two expect to use the airlift services, UNICEF expects to organise their own transport by dhow, and WHO is likely to use WFP's Bilateral Service Provision.
- VOS Apollo is now outside of Aden, while VOS Theia is being relocated to a holding area outside of Hodeidah. For any urgent sea cargo transportation needs, the Logistics Cluster is able to organise dhows to Aden and Hodeidah on behalf of requesting organisations.
- Five refrigerated containers arrived in Djibouti last week: two will be located onboard the VOS Theia, two will be located at Aden port, and one will replace the rental container onboard the VOS Apollo. If installation onboard the two vessels isn't possible, they will instead be used to provide temperature-controlled and cold chain storage in Aden and Hodeidah.
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and schedules for passengers and cargo are available on the Logistics Cluster website: [www.logcluster.org/ops/yem10a](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/yem10a). Updated SOPs and schedules for sea cargo transport will be shared soon.

#### **Air transport**

- Airlifts from Djibouti to Sana'a are expected to continue as normal.
- A tentative airlifts schedule for the rest of 2018 is available on the cluster website at the following link: [www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-tentative-airlifts-schedule-2018](http://www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-tentative-airlifts-schedule-2018)

#### **Storage**

- The 15 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) that arrived in Sana'a at the end of June are still awaiting customs clearance at the airport. The Logistics Cluster is trying to finalise this process so that the MSUs can be loaned to organisations requiring temporary storage.
- For organisations requiring more storage space in Sana'a, the Logistics Cluster recommends using the new warehouse which currently has available space. SOPs are available at: <https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-road-transport-temporary-storage-march-2018>

#### **Fuel**

- The Logistics Cluster is working through WFP to put an agreement in place with a fuel supplier in Hodeidah to facilitate diesel supply to organisations present in the city. The price of diesel will still be USD\$ 0.90 per litre.
- Fuel distribution in Sana'a and Aden is continuing as normal.

### 3. AOB

- As a follow-up to the tax exemption clearance issues encountered by humanitarian organisations, the Logistics Cluster reported that the issue was raised at HCT level, and the Humanitarian Coordinator has discussed it with the Ministry of Finance. Reportedly, a new procedure for customs clearance and tax exemption was due to be endorsed by authorities in Sana'a a few weeks ago but this has been delayed. The Logistics Cluster will share any updates on this matter as they become available.
- ACTED reported difficulty in procuring seeds, and enquired with organisations present if any of them would be able to share contacts and guidance on the matter.
- ACF reported two challenges they have encountered with UNHAS booking procedures - one is the amount of documentation required to book national staff, and the other is whether there is the possibility of submitting the updated Authorized Passenger List only once a month. While the Logistics Cluster will transmit these observations to UNHAS, it also encouraged organisations to raise them directly with the UNHAS Steering Committee.

***The next meeting will be held on 2 October; date and time will be confirmed via the mailing list.***

#### Cargo requests

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