

- LOCATION:** WFP Sana'a
- DATE:** 2 October 2018
- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster
- PARTICIPANTS:** ADRA, BFD, CYF, CARE, Danish Refugee Council, FAO, HAD, Humanitarian Response Team (HRT), ICRC, Intersos, IOM, Islamic Relief Yemen, Ministry of Finance, MOPIC, MSF-Spain, MSF-OCG, MSF-Suisse, NAMCHA, OXFAM, PU-AMI, Save the Children, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO.
- ACTION POINTS:**
- Logistics Cluster to share information with SCI and other NGOs about customs clearance restrictions in Salalah, if available.
 - Logistics Cluster to share the list of humanitarian cargo blocked at entry points with MOPIC.
- AGENDA:**
1. Hodeidah RRM update
 2. Common Logistics Services
 3. AOB

1. Hodeidah RRM update

- Within the framework of the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), there were significant delays in the dispatch of Phase 9 kits due to deconfliction requests not being granted. All kits in stock have now been moved from the warehouse in Al Marawiah to the warehouse in Bajil and all dispatches will be carried out from there. This should ease the dispatches as Bajil warehouse is further away from the frontline.
- For Phase 9, all IRRs have been delivered, while the remaining kits (transit and hygiene kits) will be dispatched in the coming days. Once Phase 9 is completed, dispatches for Phase 10 and 11 will be undertaken: for these two phases, UNFPA transit kits are already in Bajil while UNICEF hygiene kits will arrive in Bajil in the coming days.
- From 1 October, OCHA handed over monitoring and supervision of the RRM to UNFPA; the first meeting chaired by UNFPA will be held on Thursday 4 October at the UNFPA office in Sana'a. The Logistics Cluster is only in charge of assembling the RRM kits at the three common warehouses in Hodeidah (Bajil), Sana'a and Aden and of dispatching them to implementing partners in field locations; last mile delivery to beneficiaries will be carried out by implementing partners.
- Hodeidah port still operational, with WFP using it as well as Saleef port to deliver food.
- VOS Apollo is now in the holding area outside Hodeidah in case of a potential downsizing of international staff to allow VOS Theia to replenish supplies and fuel in Djibouti.

2. Common Logistics Services

Sea Transport

- Due to continued issues with authorities in Djibouti, the two VOS vessels have suspended their services since the second week of September. Meanwhile, two dhows are being organised to ship cargo to Aden on behalf of OXFAM and WFP, and to Hodeidah on behalf of FAO and WHO. Estimated time of departure and arrival will be shared with service users shortly.

- The survey to assess organisations' needs and interest in continuing to use Djibouti as a logistics hub was shared with the mailing list and completed by 34 participants. AS the survey was rather short, any additional details and comments may be shared bilaterally with the Logistics Cluster. Due to continuing issues with the operations of the VOS Apollo and VOS Theia, the Logistics Cluster and WFP are still exploring the possibility of shifting operations to other locations. A few options 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.
- Before any potential movement to another country, the Logistics Cluster will ensure to fill any remaining logistics gap in Djibouti.
- VOS Apollo is in a holding area outside of Hodeidah, while VOS Theia is in Djibouti replenishing supplies and fuel. 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 in early September and are to be installed on the two VOS vessels. Two containers will be located on board the VOS Theia, two will be located at Aden port, and one will replace the rental container on board the VOS Apollo. If installation on board the two vessels isn't possible, they will instead be used to provide temperature-controlled and cold chain storage in Aden and Hodeidah.
- Any update on the sea cargo and passenger services will be shared immediately via the mailing list and the cluster webpage: <https://logcluster.org/ops/yem10a>

Air transport

- Airlifts from Djibouti to Sana'a are expected to continue as normal.
- Approximately 170 mt of humanitarian cargo is in the pipeline for October. As the Logistics Cluster is facing a few complications with Air Djibouti, there might be a delay of a couple of days for the next airlifts, planned for 8th October. Service users will be informed accordingly.
- Organisations were reminded that the schedule available online is subject to change: two rotations per month are the minimum number of rotations, but they can be increased according to the needs of service users.
- 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

Storage

- The 15 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) that arrived in Sana'a at the end of June were released and are now in the common warehouse in Sana'a. Organisations interested in loaning the MSUs should contact the Logistics Cluster. These MSUs are only available for northern Yemen, as they cannot be transported from Sana'a to Aden by land; in case of storage needs in Aden, alternatives will be explored.
- Organisations were also reminded that the loaned MSU would have to be made available for use to other organisations as well; in addition, loaning organisation with a partnership agreement with WFP,

must note that the MSUs cannot be used to store WFP food. Should any ground levelling work be necessary, this is responsibility of the loaning organisation.

- The Logistics Cluster is exploring the possibility of setting up some of these MSUs in Sa'ada and Ibb to establish common storage space to be run by organisations present in these areas. Any update will be shared promptly with humanitarian organisations.
- 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 fuel shortage continues in Sana'a, with significant price spikes. As a consequence, the price of fuel made available through the Logistics Cluster, which is procured locally, is likely to increase. The new price will be communicated shortly.
- Organisations were reminded that fuel made available through the Logistics Cluster is to be considered as emergency stock, therefore this fuel should only be procured in quantities that can be collected within a week and stored at the organisations' own facilities. It is critical that these conditions are respected, because if committed fuel is occupying the stations tanks, the Logistics Cluster cannot replenish the quantities and ensure fuel supply to organisations in needs. If fuel is not collected in one week, the Logistics Cluster will reimburse the organisation and retrieve the fuel.
- For fuel deliveries in Hodeidah, the cluster assessed the fuel needs of active organisations for the next six weeks and is taking the necessary steps to ensure delivery of diesel and petrol in the coming days.

3. AOB

- On the tax exemption clearance issues, the Logistics Cluster will share with MOPIC the list of humanitarian cargo blocked at Yemeni entry points (sea, ports and airports). The issue was raised already at HCT level; the cluster will share any updates on this matter as they become available. It was raised that a workshop on the topic with the Ministry of Finance could be held in the near future.
- New customs clearance regulations and complexities will be a regular agenda item in the next Logistics Cluster meetings.

The next meeting will be held on 23 October; date and time will be confirmed via the mailing list.

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