

- LOCATION:** WFP – Sana’a, Yemen
- DATE:** 08 January 2019
- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster
- PARTICIPANTS:** ACF, CYF, CARE, HRT-Y, IOM, MSF Suisse, MSF France, MOPIC, OXFAM, Save the Children, UNOPS, UNHCR, UNFPA, Together Foundation, WHO.
- ACTION POINTS:**
- Organisations to complete end of the year survey
  - Logistics Cluster to send invites to the workshop with MOPIC on logistics constraints
  - Logistics Cluster to assess the feasibility and need of opening a second hub in Salalah
  - Logistics Cluster to update and share updated fuel SOPs
- AGENDA:**
1. Situation update:
    - a. HRP 2019
    - b. User Survey
    - c. Scale up
    - d. Access
  2. Air, Sea, Land transport
  3. Storage
  4. Fuel
  5. AOB

## 1. Situation Update

### Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP 2019)

- The Logistics Cluster presented the activities and financial requirements that will be included in the 2019 HRP for Yemen:
  - Logistics Cluster services, including coordination, IM, and common logistics services platform: USD 30 million.
  - UNHAS: USD 29 million.
  - Procurement of equipment to increase the logistics infrastructure at key entry points to Yemen: USD 29 million.
- Therefore, the overall requirements of the Logistics Cluster in Yemen in 2019 will be around USD 88 million. These figures and activities, which are still subject to fine-tuning in the coming days, are to be shared with OCHA for inclusion in the 2019 HRP document.
- The Logistics Cluster is already advocating to mobilize the necessary resources to cover the financial requirements in 2019. A contribution from ECHO was just received, while forecasts from CERF and USAID were also received.
- Activities and requirements capture the situation and needs as of January 2019; upon significant change of the humanitarian context and conditions, they may be subject to review halfway through the year.

### End of year user survey

- The survey launched in December to receive a feedback on the Logistics Cluster performance in 2018, as well as to improve and tailor activities in 2019, has only received 25 answers; therefore, all

participants were invited to complete the survey available at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yemen\\_user\\_survey\\_2018](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yemen_user_survey_2018).

### Scale up update

- The Logistics Cluster provided an update on the scale up plan that was prepared at the end of 2018.
  - Hodeidah: the Logistics Cluster is seeking a suitable space to set up some 1,000 sqm of cold chain/temperature controlled common storage.
  - Bajil: the four trucks (two of 40,000 litres, two of 10,000 litres) for the mobile fuel station are now in Bajil, and will be filled with diesel and petrol shortly to carry out ad hoc deliveries to organisations working in the area.
  - Sana'a: research is ongoing for a suitable warehouse to increase common storage space; the possibility of including cold chain/temperature controlled space will also be explored.
  - Ibb: two MSUs (640 sqm) are already available in the WFP warehouse for Logistics Cluster use, but their readiness status is still to be confirmed. Tanks are also being purchased to establish a fuel station of 100,000 litres (50,000 litres diesel, 50,000 litres petrol). Any update on the opening of the hub in Ibb will be promptly shared via the mailing list.
  - Aden: tanks are being procured to double the capacity of the fuel station in Aden. In addition, the contract to rent a plot of land to near the Free Zone warehouse is being finalised; 20 Mobile Storage Units of 10x24 (total of 4,800 sqm) will be set up for common storage space.
  - One Stop Shop: the Logistics Cluster is looking for suitable candidates to kickstart the project in Yemen, potentially in the first quarter of 2019.

### Access

- In light of the recent development in Hodeidah, the Logistics Cluster reported that WFP managed to access Al Thuayta' from Hodeidah, after months where this was not possible.
- An updated access map will be shared tentatively before the end of the week. Organisations are invited to provide feedback and inputs, and to include roads and corresponding access status that may not appear within the map currently.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded participants that the map is not meant to provide an analysis of the security situation, but only to reflect the logistics status of road and bridges, albeit given the context in Yemen it is often difficult to separate the two. Nonetheless, the Logistics Cluster will strive to ensure that constraints are represented properly to allow logistics planning of humanitarian organisations.

## 2. Air, Sea, Land transport

- **Airlifts**
  - A tentative schedule for 2019, including cargo airlifts to Aden, can be found here: <https://logcluster.org/document/yemen-airlifts-tentative-schedule-2019>.
  - Airlifts are scheduled twice a month to Sana'a, and once a month to Aden if enough cargo for this destination can be consolidated (minimum 15 to 20 mt).

- **UNHAS**

- The new aircraft will start operating on 12 January with three flights per week (Amman-Sana'a-Amman) and it will be able to accommodate 50 passengers per leg.
- UNHAS also plans to operate one flight per week on the Amman-Aden-Amman route; additional information on the opening of this route will be provided by UNHAS next week.
- Requests to UNHAS to increase flights to certain destinations should be raised directly to UNHAS through the Steering Committee.
- In addition, from 02 January 2019, UNHAS will pay the airport departure tax (40 JOD) on behalf of passengers, and will charge the organization's account as it currently happens at Sana'a airport. This means that passengers will not have to pay in cash at the check-in counters at Queen Alia Int'l Airport (Amman).

- **Sea Transport**

- VOS Apollo continues its regular schedule to and from Aden.
- VOS Theia is still in Hodeidah to provide emergency passenger transport, if needed.
- Cargo requests to Hodeidah can be carried out by dhow.
- Four refrigerated containers are currently in Djibouti, three of them awaiting clearance and one of them waiting to be tested. These containers will be set up on board of VOS Apollo and VOS Theia to allow cold chain and temperature controlled transport.
- VOS Apollo passenger schedule has been published at: <https://logcluster.org/document/vos-apollo-passenger-sea-transport-schedule-2019>, while revised cargo transport SOPs have been published at: <https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-sea-transport-december-2018>

- **Overland transport**

- The Logistics Cluster can obtain security clearances on behalf of humanitarian organisations using the overland transport service facilitated by the cluster.
- Reefer trucks can be made available upon request.
- The Logistics Cluster received reports that security clearances will now be granted from cargo movements from north to south, after a few months where this was not possible.

### 3. Storage

- In Sana'a, five MSUs remain available for loaning to organisations. Interested organisations must send an official request and sign a loan agreement with WFP
- The 20 MSUs for the setup of the common storage space in Aden are expected to arrive in Aden at the beginning of February.

- An additional 10 MSUs are being procured in Djibouti to be made available for loaning to organisations in Aden, in response to the recent difficulties with land transport from north to south.

#### 4. Fuel

- The Logistics Cluster stressed the difficulties in maintaining fuel stocks if partners do not withdraw their requested quantities. As mentioned in the pro-forma invoice, partners have one week to withdraw requested quantities.
- In 2019, service users will only be able to request 2,500 litres of diesel and 2,500 litres of petrol at the time to ensure opening stocks are accurate and replenished regularly.
- However, if requesting organisations have storage capacity available and are able to withdraw the requested quantity at one time, the fuel limit may be exceeded on a case-by-case basis.
- SOPs will be updated accordingly in the coming days and shared with service users.
- To access the Logistics Cluster fuel, Service Level Agreements have to be renewed for 2019.

#### 5. AOB

- The workshop with MOPIC and other relevant authorities on the logistics difficulties that humanitarian organisations face in Yemen will be organized before the end of January; the Logistics Cluster will reach out shortly to organisations for candidatures to the workshop.
- Organisations raised the possibility for the Logistics Cluster of opening a hub in Salalah, in addition to Djibouti, to offer options to humanitarian organisations, particularly regarding offering land transport from Salalah into Yemen. The Logistics Cluster will explore this possibility through WFP and will update organisations accordingly.
- Data reconciliation of cargo transport and storage is still ongoing; end of year reports will be consolidated and published once final figures are available.
- Organisations interested in using WFP Bilateral Service Provision in Djibouti (customs clearance, storage, transport on cost-recovery) are invited to reach out to the Logistics Cluster for the contact details.
- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that the possibility of organising and LRT training for Yemen is being developed with HQ, and that there are good chances that it will take place. Any additional information will be shared timely via the meetings and the mailing list.
- A draft training calendar for 2019 is being prepared, and will be presented at the next coordination meeting.

*The next meeting will be held at the end of January; date and time will be shared via the mailing list.*

#### **Cargo requests**

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