

- LOCATION:** WFP – Sana’a, Yemen
- DATE:** 05 February 2019
- CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster
- PARTICIPANTS:** ACTED, CYF, HAD, IMC, Intersos, MSF Spain, MOPIC, OXFAM, PU-AMI, WHO.
- ACTION POINTS:**
- Logistics Cluster to send invites to the workshop with MOPIC on logistics constraints.
  - Logistics Cluster to send questionnaire on Djibouti.
- AGENDA:**
1. Situation update:
    - a. Djibouti
    - b. Online stock database
    - c. Hodeidah port
    - d. Access
  2. Air, Sea, Land transport
  3. Storage
  4. Fuel
  5. AOB

## 1. Situation Update

### Djibouti

- In light of the decrease in the requests of cargo movement from Djibouti to Yemen, the Logistics Cluster envisages to revise its Concept of Operation in close coordination with all service users. Alternative solutions will be tested, cost comparison analysis performed, and then presented in due time to users.
- The Logistics Cluster will share a short questionnaire in the coming week through the mailing list on this topic.

### Online stock database

- The Logistics Cluster would like to set up in Yemen an online platform inspired by the [PALM](#) to collect information on prepositioned stock levels in Yemen. This initiative would be subject to the buy-in of Cluster members in Yemen, but it would be a powerful live tool to provide information on what stocks of humanitarian cargo are available in which location.

### Hodeidah port

- The Memorandum of Understanding for the dismantling of gantry cranes, damaged in 2015 and which are currently obstructing quay 7 at Hodeidah port, was signed at the end of 2018. The project will begin in the next coming days.
- VOS Apollo is currently in Hodeidah to provide accommodation and emergency transport if needed.

### Access

- The Logistics Cluster and other participants reported that moving cargo by land from Sana’a to Aden is still not possible as security clearances would not be granted, even though the issue was reported to be solved at the beginning of January. The Logistics Cluster is following up with WFP on the issue.

### One-Stop Shop

- One Stop Shop: the Logistics Cluster is looking for suitable candidates to kick-start the project in Yemen, potentially in the first quarter of 2019.

## 2. Air, Sea, Land transport

### Airlifts

- Thanks to the CERF contribution received recently, the Logistics Cluster is now able to offer cargo airlifts from Djibouti to Aden until end of July 2019. Airlifts are tentatively scheduled once a month and will be free of charge to the user. Airlifts will only be carried out if the minimum payload is 20 mt; however, if the requests exceed 20 mt, even more than one airlift per month can be conducted. Only urgently needed cargo such as medicines is eligible, otherwise transport by sea can be organized.
- A tentative schedule for 2019, including cargo airlifts to Aden, can be found here: <https://logcluster.org/document/yemen-airlifts-tentative-schedule-2019>.

### UNHAS

- The new aircraft started operating on 12 January with three flights per week (Amman-Sana'a-Amman) and it will be able to accommodate 50 passengers per leg. Flights on the Amman-Aden-Amman route are also available.
- Through the CERF funding, UNHAS might open the new route Djibouti – Aden – Mukhalla in the coming weeks if the security and operational conditions allow it.

### Sea Transport

- In January, two voyages were cancelled (139 and 140) as VOS Apollo travelled to Hodeidah to swap with VOS Theia to provide accommodation and emergency passenger transport if needed. Voyages on the Djibouti - Aden route are scheduled to resume on 10 February with VOS Theia.
- Three 40 foot reefer containers are in Djibouti, two of which will be installed on VOS Theia during the first week of February, while third will be installed on VOS Apollo. Two more reefers are still to be received in Djibouti, one for VOS Apollo and one to set up cold chain storage in Aden.
- Cargo requests to Hodeidah can be carried out by dhow.
- The tentative VOS Apollo passenger schedule for the first half of 2019 between Djibouti and Aden is available at: <https://logcluster.org/document/vos-apollo-passenger-sea-transport-schedule-2019>
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for booking vessel accommodation in Hodeidah have been published at: <https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-yemen-vessel-accommodation-january-2019>

### Overland transport

- The Logistics Cluster reported that due to inconsistencies, errors and missing information in the waybills filled in by both Cluster staff and transporters, payments for significant amounts cannot be processed. Therefore, the Logistics Cluster stressed with all service users the need for ensuring that waybills are properly filled when using the land transport service.

### 3. Storage

- In Sana'a, five MSUs remain available for loan to organisations.
- The 20 MSUs for the setup of the common storage space in Aden are expected to arrive in Aden at the beginning of February. The MSUs will be set up on a plot of land near the current Free Zone warehouse after completion of ground works.
- Works to set up cold chain storage (600 sqm) in Aden, near the Free Zone warehouse, will begin shortly.
- An additional seven MSUs are scheduled to arrive in Djibouti to be made available for loan to organisations in Aden, in response to the recent difficulties with land transport from north to south. Another three MSUs will be shipped from Djibouti to Aden as soon as available.
- In 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.
- An engineering mission is planned shortly to Ibb to identify the necessary groundworks to establish common storage in Ibb (two MSUs, 640 sqm) as well as a fuel station (100,000 litres).

### 4. Fuel

- Revised SOPs for fuel have been published at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-fuel-provision-january-2019>
- 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.
- Over the next few weeks, the Logistics Cluster might revise the price based on the procurement price from local suppliers, while maintaining a margin for the support costs.
- In Bajil, the four trucks (two of 40,000 litres, two of 10,000 litres) for the mobile fuel station will be filled with diesel and petrol shortly to carry out ad hoc deliveries to organisations working in the area.
- In Aden, tanks are being procured to double the capacity of the fuel station.

### 5. AOB

- The date for the workshop with MOPIC and other relevant authorities on the logistics difficulties that humanitarian organisations face in Yemen will be communicated next week.

- Organisations raised that currently, for cargo moving from Aden to Sana'a, tax exemption is needed twice – first to import to Aden, and then for the south – north movement.
- 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 February; date and time will be shared via the mailing list.*

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