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ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Action Required
AGENDA	Welcome notes by MOPIC 1. Djibouti Hub Update 2. Cluster Operations Update 3. Access Issues 4. Training Programme

The meeting started with one minute of silence in honour of NGO and UN colleagues who lost their lives on the Ethiopian Airlines ET302 flight on 10 March 2019

1. Djibouti Hub Update

- In light of the decrease in the requests of cargo movement from Djibouti to Yemen, the Logistics Cluster is looking to revise its Concept of Operations in close coordination with all services users. Humanitarian organisations are strongly encouraged to share their upstream pipeline.
- WFP is currently exploring the possibility of using Jeddah for transshipment of cargo to Hodeidah and to Aden, based on the numbers of targeted beneficiaries. Discussions are ongoing to have a time-chartered vessel move containers from Jeddah to these two destinations. If this corridor is confirmed, the Logistics Cluster will explore the possibility of securing some space on the time-chartered vessel for partners.
- For the time being, services are guaranteed from Djibouti until July 2019.

2. Cluster Operations Update

Airlifts

- The airlifts from Djibouti to Sana'a planned for 11, 12 and 13 March were postponed to the following week due to some delays in identifying a suitable aircraft. Airlifts are now planned on 19, 20, 21 March on behalf of MSF, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM and PU-AMI.
- A cargo airlift from Djibouti to Aden is tentatively scheduled on 22 March on behalf of UNICEF and Médecins du Monde.

Sea Transport

- VOS Apollo is in Hodeidah to provide accommodation and emergency passenger transport, if needed, while VOS Theia is serving the Djibouti – Aden route for passengers and cargo.
- In the coming weeks, the two vessels will swap to allow VOS Apollo to bunker and replenish provisions. When VOS Theia travels to Hodeidah from Djibouti to replace VOS Apollo, the vessel can be used to transport cargo on behalf of humanitarian organisations. Further details on the dates of this change will be communicated promptly via the mailing list.
- Thanks to Maersk, the donation of five reefer containers is completed. Two containers are on board VOS Theia, one reefer has been delivered to Aden for cold chain storage, and two arrived in Djibouti this week. One of them will be transported to Hodeidah for cold chain storage, while the other will replace a leased container on VOS Apollo.

Land transport

- The Logistics Cluster is working with WFP to finalise a Long-Term Agreement for the use of reefer trucks for cold chain transport upon request.

Storage

- One 40 ft reefer container is now under customs clearance in Aden, for cold chain storage. The reefer will be placed at the Free Zone Warehouse.
- The contract for a new warehouse of some 6,000 m² in Sana'a is being finalised, and the warehouse will be available for use shortly. Further details will be shared through the mailing list.
- Works to set up the 20 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) on the new plot of land, adjacent to the current Free Zone warehouse, as well as to build cold chain storage are expected to start as soon as the contractor is selected in the coming weeks.
- Two MSUs are available in Sana'a for loan to partners, while an additional 10 MSUs are planned to arrive in Aden with the next VOS Theia voyage on 17 March 2019.

Fuel

- 80,000 litres (40,000 diesel and 40,000 petrol) were delivered to the four trucks in the Logistics Cluster warehouse in Bajil. The trucks are now able to carry out ad hoc deliveries to Hodeidah upon request.
- 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.

3. Access

- On 11 March, the Logistics Cluster shared a data collection tool for humanitarian cargo blocked at entry points (Aden port, Hodeidah port, Sana'a airport, and Ibb/Dhamar) due to lack of customs clearance and/or issues with

tax exemption and paperwork. The tool includes the estimated demurrage costs of the blocked cargo. Although it might be a difficult figure to include, it would be of significant importance to display the additional costs of these blockages, which can sometimes last months. The consolidated list of blocked cargo will be shared with the HC and HCT to advocate for cargo release.

- Several access issues have been experienced by organisations lately, namely blockages at the Ibb/Dhamar crossing point due to the new measures requiring double exemption, as well as the lack of issuance of security clearances for Hajja governorate.
- As these are issues applicable to all organisations, the Logistics Cluster will consolidate them and then present them to MOPIC and NAMCHA, which will then organise a three-day workshop with relevant entities (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, National Security, Ministry of the Interior, Customs Authorities) to discuss these difficulties and establish clear guidelines for the importation of humanitarian cargo. The Logistics Cluster and concerned humanitarian organisations would then be invited on the last day to discuss the outcome and next steps.
- NAMCHA highlighted that for any issue encountered by humanitarian organisation, a window service is available to discuss the issues directly with them. An official letter should be submitted to the head of NAMCHA, who will then forward it to the concerned governmental focal points.

4. Trainings

- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that the Logistics Response Team Training is tentatively scheduled to take place in Amman in September 2019. There will be a maximum of 24 participants from the different organisations working in Yemen. Further details will be shared in due course.
- The Logistics Cluster has identified a service provider that can deliver port operations and fleet management trainings in both Djibouti and Amman, and they will be organised accordingly in the coming months.

The next meeting will be held on 03 April at 11:00 at NAMCHA. Confirmation will be sent via email.

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