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# Meeting Minutes, 28 May 2019

Yemen Logistics Cluster



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Sana'a, Yemen, WFP Offices
<b>DATE</b>	28 May 2019
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	ACTED, Handicap International, INTERSOS, Islamic Relief Yemen, MSF, OCHA, Save the Children, UNDP, UNFPA
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organisations to provide the Logistics Cluster with their incoming pipelines through Djibouti.</li><li>• Organisations to share information on trucks delayed at checkpoints with the Logistics Cluster</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Logistics Cluster Operations Update</li><li>2. South – North Transport</li><li>3. Access and Constraints</li><li>4. AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Logistics Cluster Operations Update

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- Participants were reminded about the importance of sharing their upstream pipelines with the Logistics Cluster to enable better planning and ensure adequate logistics solutions are provided.

### Airlifts

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- Airlifts from Djibouti have been temporarily suspended while the Logistics Cluster is applying for permission from the Ministry of Health to facilitate the transport of medicine and medical equipment on behalf of organisations using airlifts from Djibouti.
- Organisations planning to send cargo via airlift are kindly reminded to review the Air Transport SOP to ensure that they comply with required processes. The SOP are available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-air-transport-services-november-2018>
- The 2019 Tentative Airlift schedule can be found on the Yemen Logistics Cluster webpage at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/document/yemen-airlifts-tentative-schedule-2019>

### Sea Transport

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- Participants were informed about the extensions for the use of both VOS Apollo and VOS Theia for the sea transport of cargo between Djibouti – Hodeidah and Djibouti – Aden. The extensions are as follows:

<https://logcluster.org/ops/yem10a>

- VOS Theia has been extended from 10 June to 8 September 2019;
- VOS Apollo has been extended from 13 July to 10 October 2019.
- Participants were requested to send pipelines of planned use of sea cargo transport for the remainder of the vessel contracts.
- The sea cargo transport SOP can be found on the Yemen Logistics Cluster webpage at the following link:  
<https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-sea-transport-december-2018>
- The current schedule for sea cargo transport is also available on the Logistics Cluster website  
<https://logcluster.org/document/vos-apollo-sea-cargo-schedule-djibouti-aden-2019>

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## Land Transport

- Land transport between the South and the North is expected to resume following the opening of a route through Al Qabbaytah.

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## Storage

- Construction of the cold storage facility in Aden began on 27 May. Organisations will be updated when cold storage, temperature-controlled and valuable item storage will become available for use in Aden.

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## Fuel

- Currently the Logistics Cluster is facilitating the distribution of fuel to humanitarian organisations on a cost recovery basis. As previously shared, this service is being phased out, as needs are being fully covered by WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP). Organisations will be able to access WFP fuel stocks (including contingency stocks) in the usual locations in Sana'a, Bajil and Aden. SOPs on how to access the service will be posted on the Logistics Cluster website and shared via the mailing list.

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## 2. South – North Transport

- The Logistics Cluster has been informed of a route between the South and the North that has opened. Logistics Cluster facilitated transport services between the South and the North should therefore resume and those organisations that had submitted transport requests will be contacted as transportation is arranged.

- A Logistics Committee has been formed at the request of the Humanitarian Coordinator to troubleshoot and propose solutions on the paperwork requirements for moving humanitarian relief items from the South to the North of the country. A meeting will be scheduled between the committee and NAMCHA following Eid.

### 3. Access and Constraints

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- Organisations were requested to send the Logistics Cluster reports on any truck being held or delayed at checkpoints, using the reporting template that will be shared with the meeting minutes. The Logistics Cluster is recording these issues to track changes in constraints over time and advocate with the authorities to ease access of humanitarian supplies.
- The Humanitarian Access Working Group has developed an online tracking mechanism for constraint reporting. A soft roll out is scheduled for the beginning of June. There will be training opportunities once the tool is refined and can be adopted by the wider humanitarian community.

**The next meeting will be in June. Confirmation will be sent via email.**

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