Meeting Minutes, 26 June 2019
Yemen Logistics Cluster

LOCATION
Sana’a, Yemen, WFP Offices

DATE
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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
ACTED, HI, INTERSOS, IOM, Islamic Relief Yemen, Save the Children, UNDP, UNFPA

ACTION POINTS
• Partners to provide the Logistics Cluster with their incoming pipelines through Djibouti.
• Logistics Cluster partners are asked to share information about trucks which are delayed at checkpoints per the template which will be resent.

AGENDA
1. Logistics Cluster Operations Update
2. Access and Constraints
3. AOB

1. Logistics Cluster Operations Update

• The Logistics Cluster reminded partners about sending their upstream pipelines to the Logistics Cluster for better planning and provision of adequate logistics solutions.

Airlifts

• The Logistics Cluster obtained authorization from the Ministry of Health (MOH) to transport medical cargo to Sana’a by air on behalf of partners for the remainder of 2019.
• Partners were informed that the next dates for airlifts from Djibouti to Sana’a will be between 30 June – 4 July after the previous airlifts were rescheduled following the new requirement of MOH approval of medical cargo transport.
• Organisations planning to send cargo via air lift are kindly reminded to review the Air Transport SOP available here to ensure that they comply with required processes.

Sea Transport

• Partners were informed about the extensions for the use of both VOS Apollo and VOS Theia for cargo transport by sea between Djibouti – Hodeidah and Djibouti – Aden. The extensions are as follows:
  o VOS Theia has been extended from 10 June to 8 September;
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- VOS Apollo has been extended from 13 July to 10 October.
- Partners 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 here and the current schedule for sea cargo transport can be found here.

Land Transport

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that once a viable route becomes accessible to land transport between the South and the North, transportation of partners cargo will resume and partners will be notified.
- The route through Al Qabbaytah that was previously thought to be viable is accessible only with trucks of 10MT capacity or less due to damage.

Storage

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

Fuel

- The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for fuel provision to humanitarian partners through Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) is currently with NAMCHA for approval. Partners will be kept up to date on the progress of the approval as well as dates for transfer of fuel provision from the Logistics Cluster to BSP.

2. Access and Constraints

- The Logistics Cluster invited humanitarian partners to share any information on cargo blocked or delayed at entry points to Yemen “Airport, seaports, checkpoints”, using the dedicated template that will be shared with the mailing list. The Logistics Cluster is tracking these issues for advocacy purposes to support the release of the cargo.
- The Humanitarian Access Working Group has put together an online tracking mechanism for Constraint reporting. A soft roll out is scheduled for the beginning of June. Training opportunities will be presented as the tool gets more refined and can be adopted by the wider humanitarian community.

https://logcluster.org/ops/yem10a
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