

## Highlights

### Airbridge Djibouti – Sana'a for the cholera response

- To face the increased cargo transport needs for the humanitarian response to the Cholera outbreak in Yemen, WFP, as the lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, chartered a dedicated Antonov-12 aircraft to be based in Djibouti to carry out a maximum of four rotations a week with Sana'a. The aircraft arrived in Djibouti on 5 August, and the first airlift was completed the following day. In August, 139 mt were delivered to Sana'a on behalf of nine organisations through 12 rotations.
- The contract of the Antonov-12 expires on 4 September and is not being extended as currently the visibility on the transport needs via air from Djibouti to Sana'a is unclear. To respond to the future organisation's demands of air deliveries, airlifts will be scheduled every two weeks from Djibouti to Sana'a following the standard practice for airlifts already in place prior to the airbridge. The first airlift is scheduled for 18 September.
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on how to access this service are available at the [dedicated page](#) on the Logistics Cluster website, as well as a [recap snapshot](#).

## Sea Transport

### Passengers

- Four voyages were carried out in August between Djibouti and Aden, transporting 122 passengers on behalf of 19 organisations, for an average use rate of 61 percent. A general overview on the service is available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/passengers-sea-transport-overview-august-2017>.
- SOPs on how to access this service are available at the [dedicated page](#) on the Logistics Cluster website. Booking requests have to be submitted to this email address: [co\\_yem\\_passenger@wfp.org](mailto:co_yem_passenger@wfp.org).

### Cargo

- Due to unfavourable weather conditions in Djibouti, the loading of 10 WHO ambulances that were expected to sail to Aden on board the VOS Apollo on 20 August, has been postponed until Thursday 7 September.
- On 27 August, 131 kg of medical supplies were transported from Djibouti to Aden on behalf of UNICEF.
- A refrigerated container for items needing cold chain transport and a container for the transportation of temperature controlled items were installed on board the VOS Apollo on 31 August. After a test voyage on the first week of September, the two containers will be operational and available to organisations starting from the voyage departing Djibouti on Sunday 10 September if the test proves successful.
- A journey to transport cargo to Hodeidah via the contracted dhow with a 500 m<sup>3</sup> capacity is expected for the month of September. As only 30 percent of the total volume is currently booked, organisations interested in using the service are invited to contact the Logistics Cluster at [yemen.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:yemen.clustercargo@wfp.org) to consolidate the cargo and maximize the transport capacity.
- SOPs to access the service are available at the [dedicated page](#) on the website, as well as a [recap snapshot](#).

## Overland Transport

- In August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 84 mt of relief items via trucks on behalf of four organisations across Sana'a, Hodeidah and Aden.
- Five refrigerated trucks are available in Sana'a, and more can be made available to the humanitarian community upon request.
- SOPs to access the service are available at the [dedicated page](#) on the website.

**Warehousing**

- In August, the Logistics Cluster accepted to store 114 mt/2,900 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian items at WFP warehouses in Sana'a, Hodeidah and Aden on behalf of three organisations.
- Due to an increase in demand stemming from the cholera response, WFP has contracted a 5,100 m<sup>2</sup> warehouse compound in Aden. This new storage space, alongside a 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> warehouse in Hodeidah previously contracted, are operational and available for use. An additional MSU will be established in Sana'a to increase the capacity to 640 m<sup>2</sup>.
- SOPs to access the service are available at the [dedicated page](#) on the website.

**Fuel Distribution**

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to fuel (petrol and diesel) to organisations at fuel distribution points around Sana'a, Aden and Hodeidah managed by WFP. Fuel is available to humanitarian organisations on a cost recovery basis.
- A general fuel scarcity has been reported by several organisations. Petrol is currently not available through the Logistics Cluster at all locations, therefore WFP has launched a local tender for procurement. Organisations will be informed through the Logistics Cluster mailing list as soon as stocks are replenished. Although adequate stocks of diesel are available in Sana'a and Hodeidah, supplies in Aden are extremely limited.
- Capacity for fuel storage is being increased and 10 extra tanks are being procured, each with a capacity of 50,000 litres. Four will be set up in Sana'a, four in Hodeidah and two in Aden.
- SOPs to access the service are available at the [dedicated page](#) on the website.

August 2017 – Fuel disbursed			
Location	Petrol (l) distributed	Diesel (l) distributed	Total fuel (l) distributed
Aden	4,767	12,592	17,359
Hodeidah	1,149	45,934	47,083
Sana'a	0	54,951	54,951
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,916</b>	<b>113,477</b>	<b>119,393</b>

**Coordination and staffing**

- Coordination meetings were held in Sana'a on 8 August, in Aden on 9 August and in Hodeidah on 23 August. Meetings minutes are available [at this link](#). The dates and times of the next meetings will be communicated via the mailing list and posted on the website.
- A mid-year survey on the Logistics Cluster performance, activities and services is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/logisticscluster-yemen-user-survey>. The results of this questionnaire will enable the Logistics Cluster to tailor its strategy towards improved coordination, information management and service provision.
- In Djibouti, a new Coordination and Sea Operations officer (both passenger and cargo transport) joined the operation on 16 August, while an Air Operations Officer arrived at the end of July. The team in Djibouti is also composed of a Logistics Cluster Officer awaiting deployment to Sana'a, a Funds Manager, and a Passenger Booking focal point.



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