

Situation Update

- Due to ongoing fighting around Hodeidah and a resulting increase in humanitarian activities targeting Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), the Logistics Cluster has been tasked with coordinating Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) deliveries to Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) and Transit Points (TPs) which were established as locations to provide IDPs with relief items.
- The Logistics Cluster is in charge of cargo consolidation at the common warehouse (WFP IRR, UNICEF hygiene kits and UNFPA transit kits into RRM kits) and the coordination of deliveries of the consolidated cargo to RRM implementing partners.
- Within the framework of the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), there were significant delays in the dispatch of Phase 9 kits due to deconfliction requests not being granted. All kits in stock have now been moved from the warehouse in Al Marawiah to the warehouse in Bajil and all dispatches will be carried out from there. This should ease dispatches as Bajil warehouse is further away from the frontline.
- For Phase 9, all IRRs have been delivered, while the remaining kits (transit and hygiene kits) will be dispatched in the coming days. Once Phase 9 is completed, dispatches for Phase 10 and 11 will be undertaken: for these two phases, UNFPA transit kits are already in Bajil while hygiene kits from UNICEF will arrive in Bajil in the coming days.
- From 1 October, OCHA handed over monitoring and supervision of the RRM to UNFPA; the first meeting chaired by UNFPA will be held on Thursday 4 October at the UNFPA office in Sana'a. The Logistics Cluster is only in charge of assembling the RRM kits at the three common warehouses in Hodeidah (Bajil), Sana'a and Aden and of dispatching them to implementing partners in field locations; last mile delivery to beneficiaries is to be carried out by implementing partners.
- VOS Apollo is now in the holding area outside Hodeidah in case of a potential downsizing of international staff to allow VOS Theia to replenish food and fuel supplies in Djibouti.

Air Transport

- In September, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 109 mt/537 m³ of relief items on behalf of IOM, UNICEF and WHO. Of these, 65 mt/358 m³ were transported to throughout for rotations from 10 to 13 September; the remaining 48 mt/179 m³ were transported through three rotations on 24, 26 and 27 September.
- A tentative airlifts schedule for the rest of 2018 is available on the cluster website at the following link: www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-tentative-airlifts-schedule-2018
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are available at: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-air-transport-services-march-2018
- In September, UNHAS transported 1,233 humanitarians to and from Yemen.
- UNHAS schedule for October is published on the Logistics Cluster website at: <https://logcluster.org/document/unhas-flight-schedule-october-2018>

Sea Transport

- Due to continued issues with authorities in Djibouti, the two VOS vessels have suspended their services since the second week of September. Meanwhile, two dhows are being organised to ship cargo to Aden on behalf of OXFAM and WFP, and to Hodeidah on behalf of FAO and WHO. Estimated time of departure and arrival will be shared with service users shortly.
- In light of the above, no cargo was shipped by sea in September.
- VOS Apollo is in a holding area outside of Hodeidah, while VOS Theia is in Djibouti for bunkering. For any urgent sea cargo transportation needs, the Logistics Cluster is able to organise dhows to Aden and Hodeidah on behalf of requesting organisations.
- Five refrigerated containers arrived in Djibouti in early September and are to be installed on the two VOS vessels. Two will be located on board the VOS Theia, two will be located at Aden port, and one will replace the rental container on board the VOS Apollo. If installation on board the two vessels isn't possible, they will instead be used to provide temperature-controlled and cold chain storage in Aden and Hodeidah.
- A survey to assess organisations' needs and interest in continuing to use Djibouti as a logistics hub was shared with the mailing list and completed by 34 participants. Due to continuing issues with the operations of the VOS Apollo and VOS Theia, the Logistics Cluster and WFP are still exploring the possibility of shifting operations to other locations. A few options are being considered and will be confirmed at a later stage. The Logistics Cluster still envisages carrying out sea cargo transport to Aden and Hodeidah, and air cargo transport to Sana'a, from these locations if required.

Overland Transport

- SOPs on overland transport are available on the cluster website: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-road-transport-temporary-storage-march-2018
- The Logistics Cluster can obtain security clearances on behalf of humanitarian organisations using the overland transport service facilitated by the cluster however, organisations not using cluster-facilitated transport services need to request clearances directly from the Ministry of Interior.
- Figures of overland transport for the month of September are being finalized.

Warehousing

- Current storage capacity is as follows: 5,740 m² in Aden, 3,640 m² in Hodeidah and 1,960 m² in Sana'a. Changes are reflected in the Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations available on the cluster webpage at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/document/yemen-concept-operations-july-2018>
- Figures of cargo accepted into storage in September are being finalized.
- The 15 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) that arrived in Sana'a at the end of June were released and are now in the common warehouse in Sana'a. Organisations interested in loaning MSUs should contact the Cluster for a loan. These MSUs are only available for northern Yemen as they cannot be transported from Sana'a to Aden by land; in case additional storage in Aden is needed, alternatives will be explored.

- SOPs for storage services are available at: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-road-transport-temporary-storage-march-2018.

Fuel Distribution

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to fuel (petrol and diesel) at WFP-managed distribution points around Sana'a, Aden and Hodeidah. Fuel is available to humanitarian organisations on a cost-recovery basis.
- In September, fuel shortages occurred in Sana'a, with significant price spikes. Therefore, the price of the fuel made available through the Cluster, which is procured locally, is likely to increase. The new price will be communicated shortly.
- For fuel deliveries in Hodeidah, the Logistics Cluster has assessed the fuel needs of active organisations for the next six weeks, and is taking the necessary steps to ensure delivery of diesel and petrol in the coming days.
- In September, the Logistics Cluster dispensed 108,293 liters of fuel (petrol and diesel) to 24 organisations.
- SOPs for fuel access are available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following link: <https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-fuel-provision-october-2018>

Coordination

- A cluster coordination meeting was held in Sana'a on 13 September 2018. Minutes of this meeting are available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following [link](#), both in English and Arabic. Dates and times of the next coordination meetings will be communicated via the mailing list and the webpage.

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