Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)

- Within the framework of the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), which is under the monitoring and supervision of UNFPA, the Logistics Cluster is 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 carried out by implementing partners.

- Phase 9 deliveries were completed in the first half of the month, whereas deliveries for Phase 10 and 11 were completed by the end of the month. Stocks have been prepositioned in Bajil warehouse for upcoming phases.

- Since the beginning of the RRM the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the delivery of over 200,000 kits to 39 locations across the Hodeidah, Hajjah, Raymah and Al Mahwit governorates on behalf of WFP, UNICEF and UNFPA.

Air Transport

- In October, the Logistics Cluster facilitated transport of 99 mt / 405 m³ of relief items on behalf of IOM, UNICEF, PU-AMI and WHO.

- Following consultations with organisations in Yemen, cargo airlifts from Djibouti to Sana’a emerged as a clear need until the end of the year, and looking forward into 2019.

- Due to the severe congestion of Aden port, the Logistics Cluster will also look at the possibility of carrying out airlifts from Djibouti to Aden for urgent relief items.


- In October, UNHAS transported 1,344 humanitarians to, from and within Yemen.


Sea Transport

- In October, the suspension of the VOS services that started in September continued for the first half of the month. To address urgent sea cargo transport requests, the Logistics Cluster arranged two dhows in early October: one to Hodeidah, carrying 94 mt/362 m³ on behalf of FAO and WHO, and one dhow carrying 4 mt of IT equipment to Aden on behalf of WFP.

- VOS Apollo resumed its services on 21 October; in the second half of the month, it transported 12 mt/67m³ on behalf of UNDP, OXFAM and OCHA from Djibouti to Aden. VOS Theia remains outside Hodeidah to provide passenger transport in case of a worsening of the security situation.

- VOS Theia is in the holding area outside of Hodeidah. For any urgent sea cargo transportation needs to Hodeidah, the Logistics Cluster can arrange dhows from Djibouti on behalf of requesting organisations upon receipt of dully completed Service Request Forms. Following consultations with organisations in Yemen, there
will likely be a need for sea cargo transport in 2019, especially to Hodeidah. The Logistics Cluster will re-assess the situation and needs in a few months’ time to obtain a clearer picture.

Overland Transport

- In October, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the overland transport of 1,046 mt/4,662 m³ of relief items on behalf of ACTED, ACF, ADRA, DRC, IRY, MSF, OHCHR, PU-AMI, UNICEF, UNDSS, UNDP, FAO, UNHCR, UNFPA, WFP, WHO.
- 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.

Warehousing

- Current storage capacity is as follows: 5,740 m² in Aden, 3,640 m² in Hodeidah and 1,960 m² in Sana’a.
- A need for increased warehouse space in Aden was highlighted by organisations in Yemen; the Logistics Cluster is already looking into different options, such as increasing the warehousing space in the free zone and identifying bonded warehouses.
- Figures of cargo accepted into storage in October are being finalised.
- 15 MSUs have being made available for loan for organisations needing storage in additional locations and willing to manage the space on behalf of the cluster. Seven are being loaned. Eight are still available. Interested organisations must send an official request and sign a loan agreement with WFP.

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 October, the Logistics Cluster dispensed 199,756 liters of fuel (petrol and diesel) to 28 organisations in Sana’a and Aden. In addition, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the delivery of 53,000 liters of diesel and 10,700 liters of petrol to nine organisations in Hodeidah.

Coordination

- Cluster coordination meetings were held in Sana’a on 2 and 23 October. Minutes of these meetings 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: [https://logcluster.org/ops/yem10a](https://logcluster.org/ops/yem10a)
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