

### Background

The Logistics Cluster coordinates and facilitates a weekly passenger movement between Djibouti and Aden on the WFP-chartered vessel, VOS Apollo, which is also used for emergency rescue and evacuation purposes. Standard Operating Procedures are available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-passenger-sea-transport-sops-march-2018>.

Since May 2016, a regular schedule and booking system have been in place, with weekly rotations between Djibouti and Aden. The schedule allows passengers to easily connect with UNHAS flights between Djibouti and Sana'a.

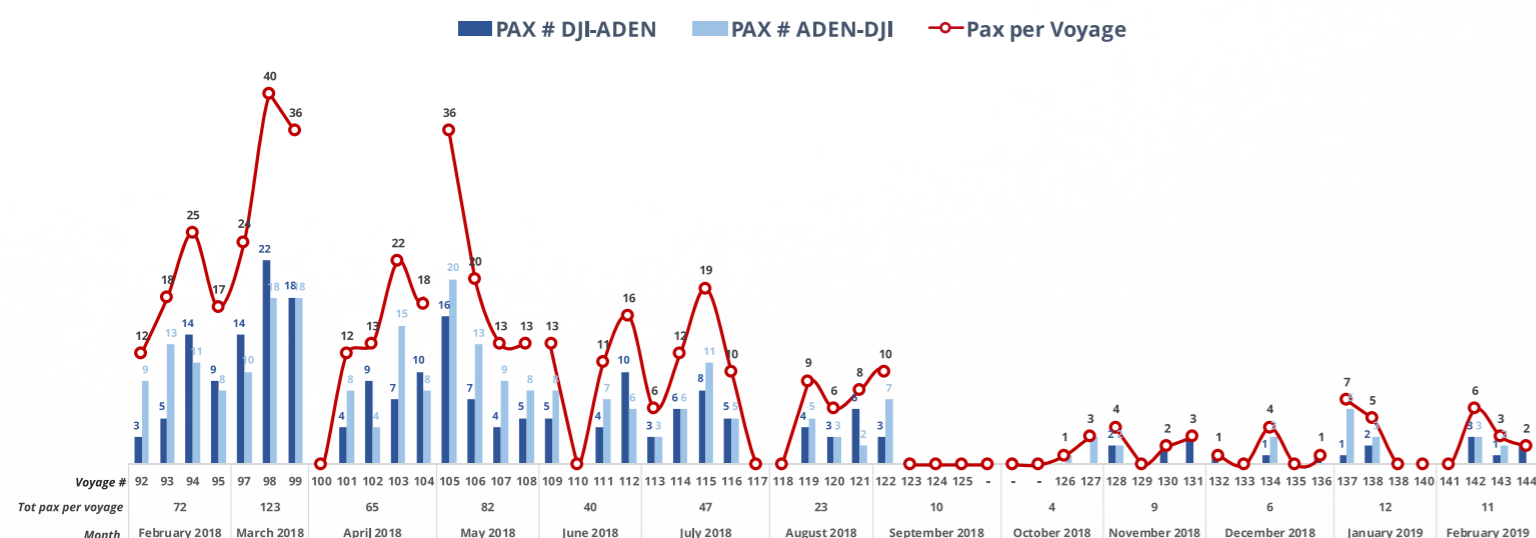
### General overview

- **144 rotations** with **2,603 passengers** transported between Djibouti and Aden on behalf of **44 service users (14 UN agencies, 25 INGOs, 4 NNGOs and 1 international organisation)**, for an average rate of use of 38% (maximum capacity 25 passengers per leg/50 per voyage).
- Thanks to the contributions received by ECHO, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, WFP and the Logistics Cluster will be able to extend the service until the **end of June 2019**.

The VOS Apollo has a capacity of 600 mt, therefore it is also used to transport cargo from Djibouti to Aden on behalf of humanitarian organisations when the need arises. Standard Operating are available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-sea-transport-march-2018>.

A second vessel, VOS Theia, with similar capacity to VOS Apollo, was chartered through WFP to cover the Djibouti - Hodeidah route for passengers, cargo and evacuation purposes. Due to operational reasons, VOS Apollo and VOS Theia may switch routes and service users are informed accordingly.

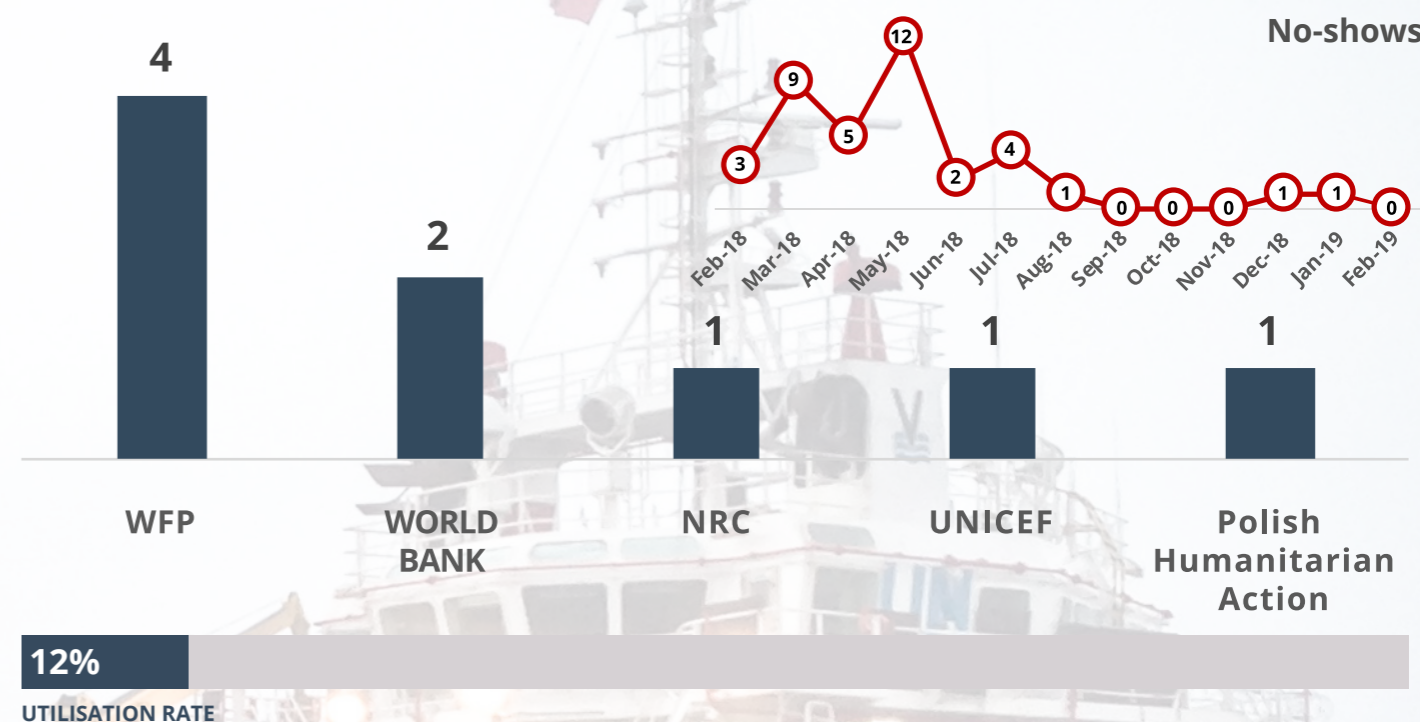
### Total passenger movements



### February overview

- **12 passengers** from **5 organisations** benefitted from the sea passenger transport service.
- The first voyage of the month (voyage 141) was cancelled as VOS Apollo travelled to Hodeidah to swap with VOS Theia to provide accommodation and emergency passenger transport if needed.
- Voyages on the Djibouti - Aden route resumed with voyage 142, and have been performed by VOS Theia since then.

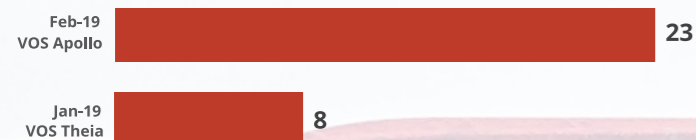
### Passenger per agency - February 2019



### Passengers accommodated in Hodeidah

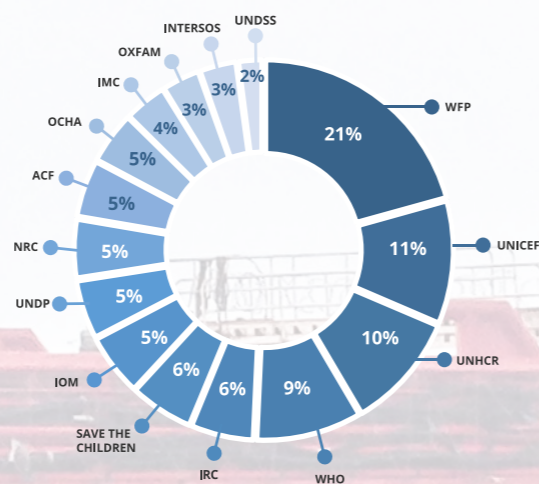
Due to the limited options for accommodation in the city of Hodeidah, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to a free-of-charge accommodation service on the WFP-chartered vessels VOS Theia and VOS Apollo, which also serve for emergency rescue and evacuation. The two vessels rotate on a regular basis to provide this service, which is intended exclusively for use by UN Agencies, International Humanitarian Organisations, and International or National Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) recognised by OCHA and operating in Yemen.

Since January 2019, 31 organisations from 10 UN agencies have used the service.

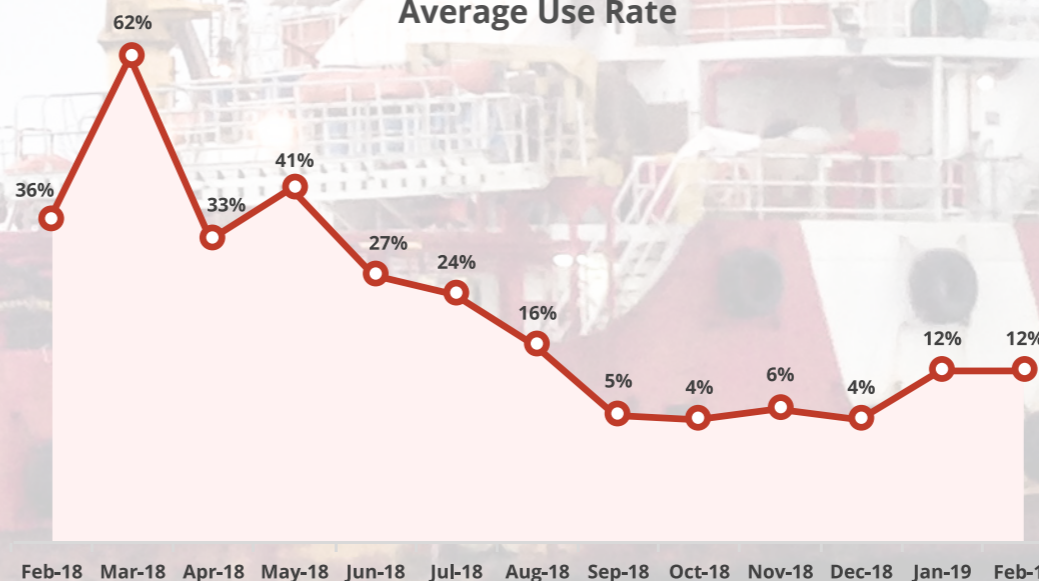


### Top 15 users since May 2016

- The Top 15 Users make up **88% of the passengers** who have used the service since May 2016.
- The remaining **12%** includes an additional **30 organisations**.

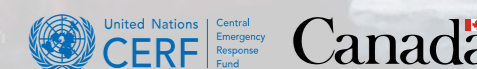


### Average Use Rate



More information can be found at <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/yem10a>

Vos Apollo and Vos Theia are funded by:



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Total cost **US\$ 4,200,000**