Meeting Minutes, 06 June 2023

Somalia Logistics Cluster

LOCATION	Mogadishu, Online
DATE	06 June 2023
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Action Against Hunger (AAH), Concern Worldwide, Danish Red Cross (DRC), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Finn Church Aid (FCA), GREDO, Medair, Save the Children, United Nation Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO) and World Vision.
ACTION POINTS	• The Logistics Cluster to share the date for the second 'Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course' • The Logistics Cluster to revise the Concept of Operations to address the existing gaps. • The Logistics Cluster to share an analysis of the average price for storing food and other commodities in different regions across Somalia • UNDP will provide assistance in improving access to Buloburte.
AGENDA	1. Action Points Review 2. Situation Update 3. Coordination 4. Common Logistics Services 5. Information Management 6. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 23 May were reviewed:

- The Logistics Cluster to facilitate a training on 'Basic Humanitarian Logistisc'. **[Completed]**
- The Logistics Cluster to conduct an assessment to evaluate the average price for storing food and other commodities in different regions across Somalia. **[Completed]**

2. Situation Update

Physical Transport Network Updates:

- Physical access across Somalia remains unchanged. The following roads remain closed or inaccessible: (1) Kismayo- Dobley (2) Kismayo-Jilip (3) Jilip – Saakow – Bardera – Afmadow - Baidoa (4) Jilip - Barawa (5) Wanlaweyn – Buurhakaba – Baidoa – Luuq (6) Balcad – Jalalaqsi (7) Hobyo – Adado –Bacadweyne and (8) Burao –Las Anod.

Air Transport Updates:

- The airstrip in Afmadow is temporarily inaccessible due to the rain. The airstrip is currently being rehabilitated.
- The airstrip in Buloburte is temporarily inaccessible due to rain.
- The airstrip in Qansaxdhere is now open; however, currently, only for 2 MT cargo loads at a time.
- Partners can reach out to the Logistics Cluster via somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org to share their transportation needs, particularly in areas that are hard to reach, including Buurhakaba, Jalalaqsi, Mahas and Qansaxdhere.

Sea Transport Updates:

- All seaports remain operational: Mogadishu, Berbera, Bosasso, Kismayo and Garacard.
- WFP time-chartered vessel is currently at sea to Berbera. The voyage vessel schedule, with arrival and departure dates along with the deadlines for submitting documentation will be shared with all partners via email and published on the Logistics Cluster website.
- Partners are encouraged to take advantage of the vessel service facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, especially to move cargo from the North to the South, as it is more cost-efficient than moving cargo by air.

Relief Materials Pipeline and Sourcing:

For further reference and information, below is a summary of WFP's weekly analysis:

- **Commodity Prices:** Overall prices exhibited mild to moderate changes (±≤8%) in most states (Mogadishu, Hirshabelle, Puntland, Southwest and Jubaland) except in Galmudug and Somaliland states where the prices remained relatively stable.
- **Availability:** Most of the businesses had plenty of stocks to satisfy the demand. There are sufficient supplies of essential food items to meet consumer demand; however, compared to the previous week, in the Southwest, availability was slightly affected by the blockage of the main supply route.
- **Supply Resilience:** While recent floods rendered certain areas impassable, resulting in disruptions, market players in other regions of the country continue to experience uninterrupted flows in their supply chains. To prevent any supply disruptions, most stakeholders are actively replenishing their inventories.
- **Trade Logistics:** In general trade and the transportation of goods in Somalia remained active thanks to accessible roads and functioning cross-border trade and ports. However, social conflicts continued to

disrupt established trucking routes, patuclarly from Bosasso to Taleh to Garowe and from Burco to Lasscanood. Despite these challenges, trucking operations were still feasible but challenging from Bosasso to Hurdia to Hafun, as well as from Garowe to Bacassdweyn and Garowe to Buuhodle. The road connecting Kismayo to Afmadow to Qoqani was affected by flooding in the Jubaland region, causing disruptions.

- **Food Items Assortment:** Consumers had access to a diverse selection of food items, although there were certain exceptions such as the limited availability of pulses in the Southwest due to recent floods. However, milk, meat, fish products, and fresh fruits and vegetables were readily accessible throughout the country.
- The Logistics Cluster is sharing weekly Market Alerts and Supply Chain Updates via the Logistics Cluster mailing list and publishing the documents on the Logistics Cluster Website. Partners wishing to be added to the Logistics Cluster mailing list can send a request to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org.

3. Coordination

Import and Customs Clearance Technical Working Group Update

- The Logistics Cluster, in cooperation with the "IMPortation and Customs Clearance Together" Working Group (IMPACCT), continues to facilitate import and customs clearance meeting with its partners.
- The next import and customs clearance meeting will be held on 21 June at 11am. The online link will be shared with all partners via email.

Subnational Coordination Meeting

- The Logistics Cluster is organizing its next Subnational Coordination meeting in Mogadishu on 05 July.
- Partners who are interested in joining are requested to send a copy of their identity documents to annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org.

4. Common Logistics Services

- Since 2020, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transport of over 6,492 MT of cargo (excluding shunting) for 28 organizations on a free-to-user basis.
- In 2023, 2,450 MT of supplies (excluding shunting) were transportedon behalf of 21 organizations to 26 locations.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to support the humanitarian community in reaching hard-to-reach locations. Since the mobilization of the helicopter in September 2022, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 137 MT on behalf of 6 partners to 4 hard to reach locations: Burhakaba, Jalalaqsi, Mahas and Qansaxdhere.

- The Logistics Cluster continues to participate in crucial decision-making forums on behalf of the humanitarian community. The Logistics Cluster continuous to attend the weekly Drought Operations and Coordination Centre (DOCC) and Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) meetings.
- Access remains a concern due to insecurity. This is creating a high dependency on airlifts, increasing the cost of transportation.

5. Information Management

Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course

- The Logistics Cluster has scheduled a two-day Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course Training to take place on 14 and 15 June 2023.
- The course will be conducted at the WFP Country Office and will cover the following topics:
    - Humanitarian Supply Chain
    - Procurement
    - Units of Measurement
    - Transport Planning
    - Storage and Warehouse Management
    - Inventory Management
    - Distributions
- As there are limited seats available, only 20 participants will be selected for the course. However, participants who were not selected will have the opportunity to join the course in the third quarter (Q3).
- An invitation will be sent to all participants, providing the date and location for the next course.

Concept of Operation

- In July 2022, the Logistics Cluster revised the Concept of Operations (ConOps).
- The current ConOps primarily addresses the drought that occurred in 2021/2022.
- Currently, the Logistics Cluster is working on revising the ConOps to address the existing gaps.
- The Logistics Cluster is seeking volunteers to assist with the revision of the Concept of Operations (ConOps). Interested partners are encouraged to contact annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org

Warehouse Cost Benchmarking Analysis

- Presently, only four partners have responded to the assessment.
- It was determined that a minimum of two additional partners must share the filled-in spreadsheet for the Logistics Clsuter to proceed with the analysis.

6. AOB

- All requests (including information management requests) are to be directed to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will take place on 20 June at 11:00 am EAT, online

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