Operation Overview, May 2023

Somalia

Background

- Since 14 May 2023, heavy rains led to flash and riverine floods[1].
- As of 31 May 2023, at least 468,000 people were affected by the floods, of whom 247,000 have been displaced from their homes.
- At least 85 per cent of those displaced are located in Belet Weyne and surrounding areas.
- On 24 May, nearly 7,000 people were reportedly displaced after the Shabelle River flooded parts of Bulo Burte and Jalalaqsi districts in Hiraan region. Flash floods have also been reported in Qardho in Puntland, Gaalkacyo in Mudug region and in Mogadishu.

The floods in Belet Weyne have caused a lot of destruction in the town. Photo: OCHA/Partners.

Operational Highlights

Coordination

- The Logistics Cluster held two National Logistics Cluster Coordination meetings on 9 and 23 May 2023.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated its tenth Technical Working Group meeting in cooperation with Imports and Customs Clearance Together (IMPACCT) on 31 May. The meeting was attended by eleven participating organisations. During the meeting, the technical working group discussed the newly introduced ECTN (Electronic Cargo Tracking Note) in Somalia as well as the challenges that NGOs face in terms of customs clearance processes for humanitarian cargo.

Information Management

- Throughout May 2023, the Logistics Cluster published ten Information Management products, including meeting minutes, maps and situation updates on the operational website. The key products were:
    - Meeting minutes from the Logistics Cluster National Coordination meetings, which were held on 09 May and 23 May.
    - The monthly operation overview for April 2023, providing an overview of key Logistics Cluster highlights under Coordination, Information Management and Common Services.
    - The monthly infographics summarising key achievements of the Logistics Cluster in April 2023 (metric tonnes transported, number of Information Management published, number of locations reached etc.)
    - The weekly joint market and supply chain updates covering the weeks from 30 April – 06 May, 07-13 May, 13-20 May. This document, developed by WFP, monitors the market price variations among different products across different regions (42 locations), providing analytical insights to humanitarian logisticians.
    - The monthly fuel report for April 2023, a document that analyses the trends in fuel prices across the various regions and also provides an overview of the evolution of jet fuel prices.

[1] FAO/Somalia Water and Land Information Management (SWALIM)

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Common Logistics Services

- In May 2023, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 840 mt by air, road and sea of humanitarian cargo (Food Security, Health, Nutrition, Protection, Shelter and Wash) to 10 destinations (Baidoa, Baardhere, Beletweyne, Bullahawa, Dhobley, Dollow, El-waak, El-Berde, Huddur, Kismayo, Mogadishu and Qansaxdhere), supporting a total of thirteen organizations .
- 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.

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