Meeting Minutes, 28 May 2023

YEMEN

LOCATION	Teleconference/Sana'a
DATE	28 May 2023
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	ACTED, Action Contre La Faim (ACF), Building Foundation for Development International (BFD), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Islamic Relief Yemen (IRY), Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières Brussels (MSF-OCB), Médecins Sans Frontières Holland (MSF-OCA), Médecins Sans Frontières Swiss (MSF-CH), People in Need (PIN), Samaritan''s Purse, Solidarites International (SI), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), ACAPS, Secours islamique France (SIF), Relief International (RI), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS).
AGENDA	1. General Logistics Cluster updates. 2. Hodeidah port updates. 3. Applying for cargo movement permit through SCAMCHA website. 4. Storage capacity mapping survey. 5. AOB.

1. Logistics Cluster General Update

Yemen - UNHAS - Flight Schedule, June 2023: UNHAS June 2023 flights itinerary is presently available in Logistics Cluster website, and Logistic Cluster will maintain it updated, in case of any potential changes.

2. Hodeidah Port Updates:

- **Operation Capacity in Hodeidah Port**

Wharf: Hodeidah port consists of 8 berths in L-shape quayside, in addition to two floating quays, belonging to Yemen Petroleum Company, designated for berthing fuel tankers. Berth No. 1~5 form a single long quay of 700 meters approximate length, generally used for receiving alongside general cargo vessels. Berths No. 6 and 7 form the other L-shape single quay, with 500 meters approximate length, were designed near to the container storage area in Hodeidah port to receive alongside container ships and Roll-on/roll-off (RORO) vessels; however, as a consequence of the underwater damage occurred to berth No. 7 during 2018 armed conflict which caused the quay to split into two smaller quays, the aforementioned berth became capable to accommodate two small vessels with maximum 115 meters Length Overall (LOA) each. Berth No. 8 is used for small vessels with less than 7 meters draft and 150 meters Length Overall (LOA).

Capability: As officially announced by Yemen Red Sea Ports Corporation-YRSPC, vessel draft restriction applicable to Hodeidah port is 9.75 meters and maximum permissible Length Overall-LOA for vessels 200 M basis Mean Low Water in Hodeidah Port. (YRSPC, Dec. 2023)

Permissible Discharge Rate: Port Authority in Hodeidah imposes minimum daily discharging rate of 2,000 metric ton/day for Break Bulk cargoes and 5,000 mt per day for Bulk cargoes. Discharging rate of container vessels is 10 containers per crane, per hour, with overall port receipt capacity of 6,500 dry containers and 280-300 reefer containers.

Saleef port consists of two berths used for receiving bulk and break-bulk vessels with maximum permissible draft of 12.40 meters and maximum permissible Length Overall (LOA) of 200 meters. Yemen Red Sea Ports Corporation-YRSPC imposes discharging rate of 2,000 mt per day for Break-Bulk and 6,000 metric ton/day for bulk cargoes.

- **Current situation and recent developments**

- Starting from the early beginnings of March 2023, a large influx of vessels to Port of Hodeidah begun, causing occurrence of congestion in the inner anchorage of Hodeidah port. This came in conjunction with easing import restrictions to northern Yemeni ports announced by Saudi-led coalition in February 2023, in which entry of new constructional commodities, such as steel, timber, cement, clinker, and coal, have been allowed to northern Yemeni Ports along with resumption of commercial containerized shipping line services.
- Until 27 May 2023, twenty-two vessels, with total quantity of 239,801 metric ton of the newly allowed commodities have called Hodeidah in addition to nine vessels, with total quantity of 350,875 metric ton of the newly allowed commodities have called Saleef port since easing of import restrictions to northern Yemeni ports.

- **Waiting and Dwell Time Before and After March 2023**

- Average dwell time of vessels alongside berth of Hodeidah port in 2023 remains, before and after the month of March, within average level of 6-8 days per vessel.

- Average vessel waiting time at Hodeidah anchorage for empty berth was within 4 days in January and February 2023, and encountered noticeable increase to 6 days in March 2023 and 14 days April 2023, and reduction occurred in waiting time in May 2023, till 27 of May, to approximately 9 days per vessel in average.

▪ Update on Container Vessels/Feeders

- In February 2023, Tehama Shipping Services LLC (Landside Logistics Contracting) announced the initiation of a new rotational containerized shipping route to port of Hodeidah from Jeddah port, via Djibouti for UN Verification and Inspection Mechanism for Yemen (UNVIM) security verification.
- All commercial containerized vessels are also required to conduct UNVIM Security Verification in Djibouti.
- 5 commercial container ships called port of Hodeidah with total quantity of 1,416 containers on board untill 27 May 2023.
- BMC, Marsa Ocean Shipping, Paddington Shipping, and Tehama Shipping resumed commercial container line services to Hodeidah port.
- In accordance with statement of Ministry of Transportation in the north cities of the country, Pacific International Lines (PIL) has resumed maritime transport services to port of Hodeidah via the port of Djibouti, starting from 3 May 2023, and Al-Halal Shipping Company (Yemen) Ltd. had announced the news of the resumption of its CMA CGM shipping line services for maritime transport to the port of Hodeidah, starting from 24 April 2023. Reference: (Ministry of Transportation, May 2023).

▪ Way Foreword

- Shipping Lines are still assessing the current situation in Hodeidah port.
- In the interim, MV EF Elena (WFP's time-chartered container vessel) will continue its normal operations, to ensure uninterrupted supply chain business continuity for WFP and other humanitarian partners using the service.

3. Applying for Cargo Movement Permit through SCAMCHA's Website

In 2022, The Supreme Council for the Management and Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs-SCAMCHA in Yemen has established a new platform, SCAMCHA web Platform, to better organize personnel movement and the transport of humanitarian relief goods. The Platform assists humanitarian organizations with providing capability to insert projects, obtain implementation licenses, and follow up project implementation. To submit goods movement request into SCAMCHA Platform, the following data need to be filled out:

- Organization name.
- Project code.
- Origin location.
- Destination and route.
- Focal point details (name of request creator).
- Truck details (driver name, plate number, and ID of driver).

4. Storage Capacity Mapping Survey

For sake of identifying storage capacity of humanitarian organizations operating in Yemen, Logistics Cluster introduced to the partners a survey tool, Storage Capacity Mapping Survey; as per Logistics Cluster plan, the online survey questionnaire to be shared with Logistics Cluster's partners in the first week of June 2023.

The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will be held virtually on 26 June 2023.

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