
LOCATION	Mogadishu, Online
DATE	12 September 2023
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Action Against Hunger (AAH), Concern Worldwide, Finn Church Aid, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), Islamic Relief Somalia, Medair International, Norwegian Refugee Council, SOWEYDO NGO, Service Civil International (SCI), Somhaus Help Inc, Trocaire, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), and World Vision.
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Logistics Cluster to facilitate a 'Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course' in Mogadishu.• The Logistics Cluster to conduct a gaps and needs analysis (GNA) in the 4th quarter of 2023.• Partners to complete the tracking sheet on tax exemption.• The Logistics Cluster to share the updated warehouse capacity map via email and make it accessible on the Logistics Cluster website.• To Logistics Cluster to provide partners with updates regarding the airport fees situation in Mogadishu.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Action Points Review2. Situation Update3. Coordination4. Common Logistics Services5. Information management6. Training7. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 29 August were reviewed:

- The Logistics Cluster to update the warehouse mapping to assess changes in available storage capacity in Somalia. **[Completed]**
- The Logistics Cluster to update the tax exemption tracking sheet. **[Ongoing]**
- The Logistics Cluster to conduct a gaps and needs analysis (GNA) in the 4th quarter 2023. **[Ongoing]**

2. Situation Update

Physical Transport Network Updates:

- Physical access across Somalia remains unchanged. The following roads remain closed or inaccessible: (1) Kismayo – Doble (2) Kismayo – Jilip (3) Jilip – Saakow – Bardera – Afmadow – Baidoa (4) Jilip – Barawa (5) Wanlaweyn – Buurhakaba – Baidoa – Luuq (6) Balcad – Jalalaqsi and (7) Burao – Las Anod.
- Due to insecurity, standard trucking routes from Burco to Laascaanood town are still disrupted.

Air Transport Updates:

- The airstrip in El Wak is temporarily inaccessible as it undergoes maintenance work.
- The airstrip in Garbahare and Wajid is temporarily inaccessible due to insecurity.
- The Ministry of Transport has introduced a new fee on 01 September 2023, wherein humanitarian partners are required to pay 1.05 USD per kilogram for cargo transported from Mogadishu airport.
- There has been no official communication or memorandum shared with humanitarian partners on the fee.
- Currently, cargo from multiple humanitarian organizations remains stranded at Mogadishu airport, significantly impacting the humanitarian operation in Somalia.
- Without any official documents, humanitarian organizations are unable to claim any tax exemptions. The objective is to advocate for a fee waiver for the humanitarian community.
- Via WFP, the Logistics Cluster has engaged with the Residence Coordinator to address the issue, simultaneously requesting meetings with the airport authorities and the Minister of Transport. Presently, the Logistics Cluster is in anticipation of receiving feedback.
- Partners are kindly requested to provide information regarding their current cargo holdings at Mogadishu airport, along with the average monthly air transport volumes. This information will greatly assist the Logistics Cluster in advocating for fee waivers on behalf of the humanitarian community. Partners are requested to share their data with the Logistics Cluster by 14 September 2023.

Sea Transport Updates:

- All seaports remain operational: Mogadishu, Berbera, Bosasso, Kismayo and Garacad.
- The WFP time-chartered vessel is currently at sea to Mogadishu and is expected to arrive at the seaport in Mogadishu on 16 September 2023.
- The updated sea transport schedule will be shared via email and on the [Logistics Cluster website](#).
- Partners with cargo for transport from Mogadishu to the northern location in Somalia are kindly requested to reach out to the Logistics Cluster team at somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org.

Relief Materials Pipeline and Sourcing:

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

- **Commodity Prices:** A weekly comparison indicates that the prices of most food and non-food commodities displayed mixed trends in most states, except for Jubaland and Galmudug, where prices

of most food and non-food items remained relatively stable. Local cereal prices (white maize and red sorghum) declined in Southwest (1-2%), Hirshabelle (3%), Somaliland (5-7%), and Mogadishu (11-14%), while Puntland saw a small increase (2-5%) in local cereal prices. There was a decline in the prices of imported items in Southwest (1-6% for sugar, wheat flour, and rice), Hirshabelle (2-3% for wheat flour, pasta, sugar, and vegetable oil), and Mogadishu (11% for vegetable oil). This decline in imported prices can be attributed to a modest increase in supply due to new stocks arriving and improved access to the Bay and Bakool regions. In Puntland, imported food items marginally increased by 1%, which resulted from a drop in supply camel milk prices saw a mild increase (1-2%) in Somaliland, Puntland, and Southwest. However, there were mild declines in milk prices in Hirshabelle (1%) and Mogadishu (8%). Diesel prices remained relatively stable in most states, with a slight increase (2-3%) observed in Puntland and Southwest.

- **Availability:** Most retailers had sufficient stocks to meet demand. However, the ongoing summer (Xagaa) season, particularly in Northwest, resulted in a shortage of camel milk, leading to a slight price increase. In Dollow, Luuq and Qansax Dhere, some basic commodities such as camel milk, vegetable oil, and milk powder had insufficient inventories. This suggests possible disruptions in transport or border crossings. It is important to note that most other areas did not experience shortages.
- **Market Resilience:** A consistent and stable flow of items has been observed in the monitored markets, particularly within the food supply chains.
- **Logistics:** Movement remained steady both along major and minor corridors, and every port displayed some degree of accessibility. Unfortunately, the eagerly awaited border reopening with Kenya and Ethiopia faced ongoing delays. While most roads were navigable, Las Anod roadway continued to experience constrained traffic flow due to social unrest.

3. Coordination

Import and Customs Clearance Technical Working Group

- The Logistics Cluster, in collaboration with IMPACCT, is planning a workshop on Import and Customs Clearance. During the workshop, the following objectives will be addressed:
 - Emphasize the necessity for collaborative interagency efforts and underscore the advantages of a well-coordinated approach to streamline customs clearance processes for humanitarian aid and emergency shipments.
 - Engage in discussion about the primary challenges recognized by the humanitarian community, particularly those that act as bottlenecks in the process.
 - Facilitate the identification of potential solutions that can be put into action, taking into consideration the distinctions between humanitarian aid and trade-related imports.
 - Oversee the implementation of recommendations within the framework of the national mechanism designed for the coordination and facilitation of humanitarian aid imports.

- The expected outcomes of this workshop include:
 - Enhanced comprehension of the roles played by government entities involved in the process of importing humanitarian aid into Somalia.
 - Improved knowledge of the procedures and regulations established by cross-border agencies.
 - A deeper understanding of the challenges faced by each participant.
 - The establishment of a roadmap for implementing the recommendations and potential solutions identified during the workshop.
- This in-person workshop is scheduled to take place from 15 to 18 October 2023 in Mogadishu, in collaboration with government entities and humanitarian partners.
- In preparation for the workshop, the Logistics Cluster is currently in the process of updating the tax exemption tracking sheet. This updated tracking sheet will support the Logistics Cluster efforts to advocate for expedited tax exemptions for the humanitarian community.
- So far, the Logistics Cluster has received input from only one partner regarding the tax exemption. The Logistics Cluster is kindly requesting all partners to share their inputs by this Thursday, 14 September.

Certificate of Conformity

- The Bureau of Standards implemented a new Certificate of Conformity (CoC).
- The certificate is effective from 02 September. However, the Bureau of Standards is providing partners with some time to familiarize themselves with the implementation. Full enforcement will commence from January 2024.
- The Bureau of Standards has agreed to accept shipments that are currently in transit.
- An operation manual from the Bureau of Standards has been attached to provide guidance on the implementation of the CoC (including some other documents).
- Bureau Veritas has been chosen as the organization to issue the CoC. Given its global presence, if it's not available at the point of dispatch, the CoC will be issued at the port of entry in Somalia.
- The CoC issuance is expected to have a turnaround time of approximately 2 hours.
- Some commodities have been exempted from requiring the CoC by the Bureau of Standards.

Cross Border movement

- Between 15 August and 02 September, the Logistics Cluster facilitated a cross-border movement by road from Kenya to locations in southern Somalia.
- The Logistic Cluster delivered 50mt on behalf of 1 partner and transported a mobile clinic on behalf of another partner.
- From 2021 to 2023, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated 7 cross-border movements, transporting 1342mt, resulting in savings of 1.5 million USD.

4. Common Logistics Services

- Since 2020, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transport of over 7015 mt of cargo (excluding shunting) on a Free-to-User basis on behalf of 28 organizations.
- In 2023, 2973 mt of supplies (excluding shunting) was transported to 27 locations on behalf of 22 organizations.
- The Logistics Cluster has currently 438 mt in the pipeline to 13 locations on behalf of 6 organizations.
- Presently, there is no movement at Mogadishu airport due to the new fees which have been introduced.
- The Logistics Cluster will keep partners informed of the ongoing situation at the airport.

5. Information Management

Logistics Cluster Emailing List

- The Logistics Cluster is presently in the midst of revising the Logistics Cluster emailing list.
- Emails are being sent to every organization with the current emails in the system.
- Partners are kindly requested to respond to these emails, indicating whether they wish to have emails removed or added to the current mailing list.

Warehouse Capacity Map

- The Logistics Cluster has compiled storage capacity data from various clusters (Shelter, Protection, WASH, Health, Nutrition, Education and Mine Action) in Somalia.
- The dataset has undergone cleaning and has been forwarded to WFP headquarters.
- Currently, WFP headquarters is in the process of updating the map.
- After the map is updated, it will be disseminated to partners through both email and the [Logistics Cluster website](#).

6. Training

Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course

- Due to security challenges at Madina gate on the 10 September 2023, the training in Mogadishu scheduled in Mogadishu has been rescheduled from 12 and 13 September to 19 and 20 September.
- The training in Mogadishu is now fully booked. Another training session will be facilitated, and partners will receive an email with the new dates.
- The 2-day Basic Humanitarian Logistics Course will cover the following topics:
 - Humanitarian Supply Chain
 - Procurement
 - Unit of Measurement
 - Transport Planning

- Storage and Warehouse Management
- Inventory Management
- Distributions
- The Logistics Cluster encourages all interested partners to take advantage of this training opportunity to strengthen their capacities.
- Moreover, the Logistics Cluster kindly request partners to extend invitations for these are kindly requested to extend the invitation for the training to their counterparts and colleagues in the field. By sharing this opportunity widely, the Logistics Cluster aims to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of humanitarian efforts across the region.
- For inquiries and to submit your training applications, please contact the Logistics Cluster at Uttam.das@wfp.org.

6. AOB

- Omar Abdi has recently joined the Logistics Cluster as the new Logistics Information Management Assistant. Please find his contact details listed below under the 'Contract' section.
- Discussion topics for the next Logistics Cluster Meeting can be shared with otavio.costa@wfp.org and annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org

The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will take place on 26 September at 11:00 am EAT, online

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