Meeting Minutes, 12 November 2024

Somalia Logistics Cluster

LOCATION	Mogadishu, WFP Country Office
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CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Access Development & Relief Organization (ADRO), AYUUB NGO, Centre for Rural Prosperity & Development (CRPD), Coopi Cooperazione Internazionale (CCI), Dignity First Somalia (DFS), Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO), Gargaar Relief Development Organization (GREDO), Gedo Association (GA), Hidig Relief & Development Organization (HIDIG), Internation NGO Safety Organization (INSO), International Medical Corps (IMC), Juba Foundation Somalia (JFS), Mandhere Relief and Development Organisation (MARDO), Marginalized Inclusion Network (MIN), Mercy Corps (MC), New Ways Organization (NOW), Salma Medical Organization (SAMA), ShelterBox (SB), Somali Awareness and Social Development Organization (SASDO), Somaus Help Inc (SAHI), Umbrella for Relief and Rehabilitation Organization (URRO), United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM), Wamo Releif & Rehabilitation Services (WRRS), World Health Organization (WHO) & World Food Programme (WFP).
ACTION POINTS	• Partners to coordinate with OCHA who will consolidate urgent lifesaving supplies to be airlifted to Luuq District. The Somali Logistics Cluster team will provide support only for requests that come through OCHA as a last resort. • The Somali Logistics Cluster team to monitor physical access conditions between Mogadishu and Jowhar District and provide latest update to humanitarian Logistics.
AGENDA	1. Action Points Review 2. Logistics Cluster Situation Update (Road & Air) 3. Operational Update. 4. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 08 October were reviewed:

- The Logistics Cluster team will monitor the ongoing clan conflict and emergency situation in the Luuq district to evaluate the conflict's impact on logistics operation and share humanitarian communities { **Ongoing**}

- The Somali Logistics Cluster team to collaborate with OCHA regarding the ongoing emergency situation in Luuq to identify common logistics gaps and determine the support needed from the Logistics Cluster { **Ongoing**}

2. Situation Update

Physical Transport Network Updates:

- Most major roads and corridors in Somalia are generally accessible, although certain routes face challenges that limit access. These specific routes include: Barawe-Jilib, Mogadishu-Marka-Barawe, Baydhaba–Qansax Dheere-Garbahaarey, Baydhaba-Doolow, Baydhaba-Luuq, Kismaayo-Afmadow-Dhobley, Kismaayo-Baardheere-Baydhaba, Baydhaba-Buur Hakaba-Garbahaarey, and Gaalkacyo – Bacadwayne.
- The road between Jowhar and Mogadishu is reported to be partially accessible via Adalle. Partners are currently transporting humanitarian cargo through their contracted local suppliers.
- According to WFP-contracted suppliers, the route from Mogadishu to Marka is accessible by both sea and road.
- The Logistics Cluster will follow up on these developments with the relevant departments and will share updated information with humanitarian logistics partners.

Air Transport Updates:

- Access to humanitarian assistance in Burhakaba and Mahas is limited to helicopter or caravan transportation, which can only land at the ATMIS compound. This limitation stems from the poor condition of their airstrips, which do not meet the necessary standards for the safe landing and takeoff of larger aircraft.
- The Qasaxdhere airstrip is accessible to fixed-wing aircraft. However, due to a recent attack on the ATMIS compound, humanitarian flights to Qasaxdhere now require clearance from ATMIS on the ground.
- After a prolonged period, the Afmadow airstrip is once again accessible to fixed-wing aircraft. The first flight to the Logistics Cluster Cargo is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Bi-Weekly WFP Market and Supply Chain:

- **Prices:** Overall, the prices of monitored items remained stable, with minor fluctuations observed in certain regions.In Mogadishu (Banadir) and Jubaland, prices have maintained steady levels over the past two weeks, indicating balanced supply and demand dynamics.
- **Availability:** Overall, markets were adequately stocked to meet household demands. Nonetheless, specific markets such as Badhaadhe, Baki, Belet Xawo, Burco, Buur Hakaba, Caynabo, Ceel Barde, Ceel Afweyn, Ceel Dheer, Cerigaabo, Gebiley, Hobyo, Iskushuban, Jilib, Lughaye Odweyne, Taleex, Zeylac, Xarardheere, Elwak continued to face unavailability of vegetables. Additionally, markets such as Kismayo, Badhaadhe, Barawe, Bulo Burto, Qorioley, Buur Hakaba, Zeylac, Iskushuban, Luuq, Lughaye Jalalaqsi, Ceeldhere, and Ceel Afweyn, faced unavailability of some commodities such as sorghum, cowpeas, split-peas, maize.

- **Assortment:** Most markets remained vibrant, providing a wide range of commodity brands and quantities, demonstrating resilience. However, Somaliland and Hirshabelle experienced sporadic shortages of vegetables, imported eggs okra, camel meat, pumpkin, bananas, and spinach, particularly in Cadale, Zeylac and Gebiley.
- **Quality:** Commodities were consistently reported to meet satisfactory quality standards across all states nationwide.
- **Resilience:** Throughout the country, the movement of goods remained consistent or showed minor variations influenced by persistent insecurity.

3. Operational Update.

The humanitarian situation in Luuq.

- The Logistics Cluster is assessing the situation and collaborates with OCHA to identify logistical needs and is prepared to coordinate the transportation of life-saving supplies where common needs are identified.

Feasibility study on southern Somalia's road infrastructure.

- A Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the development of a road feasibility study in Southern Somalia was completed on 16 October 16, 2024, and the selection process is ongoing.
- The study is expected to start between November and December 2024.
- Partners are encouraged to collaborate with the selected service provider and provide support as needed, should they be contacted for assistance.
- The rapid feasibility study will provide an overview of infrastructure assessments, transport feasibility, stakeholder engagement, transport options, warehouse capacity mapping, and humanitarian convoys safety considerations.

Anticipated floods in Shabelle River.

- The Somali Logistics Cluster team provided partners with an update regarding floods in the Shabelle river, emphasizing the need for proactive disaster preparedness efforts.
- The Somali Logistics Cluster team conducted an analysis of boat availabilities and strategically positioned six boats in flood-prone areas along the Shabelle River, covering the districts of Beletweyne, Bulo Burte, Jalalaqsi, and Jowhar.
- The assessment revealed that three of these boats require maintenance and are currently undergoing repairs to ensure they are fully operational when required.
- The Somali Logistics Cluster team is preparing ten inflatable boats in Mogadishu to be deployed if a need arises in case of flooding.

4. AOB

- Discussion topics for the next Logistics Cluster meeting can be shared with andrey.kildishov@wfp.org

- **The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will take place on 03 December 2024 at 11:00 am EAT, online**

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