Yemen – Meeting Minutes

DATE: 19 October 2015

LOCATION: Djibouti

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: UNFPA, WFP, MSF Spain, UNHAS, Medecins du Monde

ACTION POINTS:

- The Logistics Cluster to send a notification to participants to inform about the expected departure of MV Amsterdam.

AGENDA:

1. Situation Update
2. Operational Updates
3. UNHAS
4. AoB

Situation Update

- Regarding the humanitarian situation, attendees were informed that according to preliminary estimations the number of severely food insecure people has increased from 6.1 million to 7.6 million.
- The Logistics Cluster is planning a second inter-agency inland joint truck movement to Taizz. An estimated date of departure will be shared, meanwhile agencies who are interested in joining the convoy are encouraged to send a Service Request Form (http://www.logcluster.org/document/service-request-srf) to yemen.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- The MV Amsterdam loaded palletized Logistics Cluster's cargo at the port of Djibouti and is waiting for a second berth at the port terminal to load another 32 containers of inter-agency goods before sailing to Hodeidah and Aden.

Access Constraints

- Airstrikes targeted bridges between Hodeidah and Taizz. The damaged road infrastructure has potential consequences for humanitarian logistics, to be confirmed.
- Hodeidah port was reported to have been closed for two days on 11 and 12 October, with vessels requested to move from the quays to anchor.
- Aden airport is still being categorized as inaccessible. The Logistics Cluster was informed MSF France organized a charter flight but had to cancel it last minute.
- **Updated information:** The latest Access Constraint map is dated 21 of October and is published at: http://www.logcluster.org/map/access-constraints-map-21-october-2015.

1. Operational Updates

Sea Transport

- The **MV AMSTERDAM** berthed at the port of Djibouti on 9 October and completed the loading of the following inter agency items:
  - For UNFPA 456 m3 or 107,504 mt of dignity kits, destined for Sana'a
  - For UNFPA 51 m3 or 9,561 mt of reproductive health kits, destined for Sana'a
  - For ACF 75 m3 or 58,963 mt of plumpy nut and BP 5 biscuits, destined for Sana'a
- The balance of inter-agency cargo that was supposed to be loaded on the MV Amsterdam, will be sent on dhows to

Yemen. The Logistics Cluster is currently organizing the first dhow voyage, with an expected time of departure in the coming days.

- All other incoming cargo to Djibouti will be sent with the next available means facilitated by the Logistics Cluster (dhows or MV Amsterdam)
- The **MV MAINPORT CEDAR**, used as a transport and accommodation support for UN joint missions, is currently at berth in Aden. Onboard are four WFP staff, one OCHA staff and one UNDSS staff. The vessel is expected to return from mission on 29 October.

Cargo tracking

- As of 19 October, 234 m3 or 159 mt of ETC and UNFPA cargo are being stored at the Djibouti warehouse in the Free Zone, pending transport to Yemen.
- As of 19 October, the outstanding SRF's are
  - **By air:** 1.5 mt for Oxfam, UNFPA, WHO, MSB, OCHA.
  - **By Road:** 695 cbm for ACF, UNDP, IMC, OCHA, Oxfam.

2. UNHAS

- A UNHAS staff attending the meeting highlighted the need for passengers to only book UNHAS plane tickets after all necessary security approvals and visa documentation have been granted and, if needed, delivered to the passenger requesting air service to Yemen.

3. AoB

- MSF Spain enquired if the Logistics Cluster or any attendee have been requested to change the invoices of the goods from INCOTERM CIP to CIF. There is a tax exemption for humanitarian goods but no tax exemption on the services related to these goods. No attendee was aware of this, the Logistics Cluster took note and will revert.
- Medecins du Monde enquired if NGO's are part of any evacuation plan made up by UNDSS? The Logistics Cluster responded that no NGO's are part of the UNDSS evacuation plan, NGO's are expected to be responsible of their own evacuation in case of an emergency.
- ***The next Logistics Cluster Meeting will take place on Monday 2 November at 15:00 at the WFP Office in Djibouti.***

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