Yemen – Meeting Minutes

DATE: 21 June 2015

LOCATION: Djibouti

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: DRC, ACF, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, UNHCR, NRC, IMC, United States Navy

ACTION POINTS:

- Logistics Cluster to share the procedure for sea passenger movement requests, once confirmed.
- Partners to submit their fuel requirement plans for the month of July.
- Organisations to share information on access constraints.
- Organisations to submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) to request cargo transport movement from Djibouti to Yemen.

AGENDA:

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

1. Situation Update

- The Logistics Cluster advised on the deteriorating security situation in Yemen and the increasing attacks in Sana'a. Access constraints continue to impede humanitarian operations.
- Sana'a airport is operational and accessible, with UNHAS flights three times per week from Djibouti, as well as other humanitarian organisations and commercial airlines operating flights.
- Hodeidah port is operational but heavily congested. The average offload delay at the Hodeidah port is reported to be approximately 10 days. Two WFP-chartered vessels destined for the Aden oil terminal had to be redirected to Hodeidah during the last week, while smaller cargo vessels continue to reach Aden port.
- The Logistics Cluster advised that road networks in and around Aden are reported to be inaccessible or difficult to access due to ongoing conflict and infrastructure damage.

2. Procedures

- Services facilitated through the Logistics Cluster include air, sea and overland cargo movement, information management and coordination, as well as fuel allocation and fuel distribution.
- Organisations were advised on how to access available Logistics Cluster services and key documents which explain the standard operating procedures:
  - How to access logistics services: http://www.logcluster.org/document/how-to-access-yemen-logistics-services,
  - Standard Operating Procedures: http://www.logcluster.org/document/Yemen-SOPs
  - In-Transit Customs Snapshot: http://www.logcluster.org/document/djibouti-transit-customs-snapshot.

- In order to avoid service request delays, organisations should complete a Service Request Form (SRF) ensuring the following sections are completed: consignor, consignee, destination, type of service and notifying party.

3. Operational Updates

Sea Transportation

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to sea transport to Yemen:
  - The WFP-chartered motor vessel (MV) **Amsterdam** completed its second voyage and is currently at anchor at the Djibouti seaport awaiting berth. The vessel will carry both food and nonfood items (NFIs) and is destined to call at Aden before proceeding to Hodeidah. Loading is expected to take approximatively five days and is estimated to sail at the end of June.
  - The **MV Drive Mahone** is dedicated to transporting Logistics Cluster cargo. It has completed its first voyage and is now awaiting berth at the Port of Djibouti. The vessel is expected to transport fuel and Logistics Cluster cargo, still to be confirmed. To access available cargo space, organisations should send a service request form (SRF) to yemen.cargo@logcluster.org.
  - The WFP-chartered **MV Han Zhi** is expected to complete loading within the next 24h and is expected to sail to Aden and Hodeidah on 23 June
  - The WFP-chartered **MV Copenhagen** transported 1.5 million liters of fuel, (diesel and petrol drums) and medical equipment for Save the Children is awaiting a berth at Hodeidah Seaport.

Fuel Provision

- For exceptional, life-saving activities, the Logistics Cluster is currently providing fuel free of charge to humanitarian partners operating in Yemen. 190,000 liters of fuel were discharged at Hodeidah port and delivered to warehouses in Hodeidah and Sana'a, from where it is being collected by the organisations that had fuel allocated, based on needs.
- 1.5 million liters of fuel (diesel and petrol drums) will be discharged from the MV Copenhagen and distributed to warehouses in Hodeidah and Sana'a. Organisations have shared requirements, which are currently being consolidated and allocation will be completed by the beginning of June.

Cargo Tracking

- Several organisations have requested airlifts from Djibouti to Sana'a, including WHO, UNHCR, UNDP and UNFPA.
- UNICEF is liaising with the Logistics Cluster for the facilitation of transport of relief items, currently at the seaport terminal and pending transfer to the Djibouti free zone for storage. IMC relief items have arrived at the Djibouti Port and will be stored at the Logistics Cluster warehouse in the free zone. Further cargo is pending clearance at Djibouti airport, following which will also be stored at the free zone warehouse. UNHCR cargo is scheduled to be transported to Hodeidah by sea transport, facilitated by the Logistics Cluster.

- MSF Spain are awaiting the arrival of containers, transported overland from Ethiopia to Djibouti destined for Hodeidah. Once the in-transit customs procedures have been completed, the Logistics Cluster will facilitate the storage and transport to Yemen on behalf of MSF Spain.

4. UNHAS

- UNHAS held its first users' group meeting in Amman on the 18 June. The next meeting will take place on 15 July in Sana'a with video link with the team in Amman.
- Organisations who wish to subscribe to the UNHAS mailing list are kindly requested to email unhas.yemen@wfp.org.

5. AoB

- Organisations enquired if temperature controlled storage and transport services can be made available by the Logistics Cluster. Investigations into making cold chain services available are ongoing and information will be shared once confirmed.
- Information on armored vehicle transport and associated procedures was requested. Although options are being considered, bilateral discussions would be required before any decisions can be made.
- Passenger movement via the MV Drive Mahone, initially limited to WFP staff could potentially begin in the coming week. The Logistics Cluster will share updates if the service becomes available for other members of the humanitarian community.

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