Meeting Minutes, 10 September 2026

Yemen

LOCATION	Yemen (Hybrid - Aden and Online)
DATE	10 September 2026
CHAIR	Andrey Kildishov - Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS	Action Contre La Faim (ACF), Assessment Capacities Project (ACAPS), Building Foundation for Development (BFD), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Geneva Call, Humanitarian Logistics Cooperative (HuLo), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International NGO Safety Organisation (INSO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium (MSF Belgium), Médecins Sans Frontières Spain (MSF Spain), Polish Humanitarian Action (PHA), SAMARITAN'S PURSE (SP), Save the Children International (SCI), Secours Islamique France (SIF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA), ZOA International (ZOA).
AGENDA	1. Security Update on Taiz and the West Coast 2. Humanitarian Situation Update 3. Partners' Gaps, Needs, and Challenges
ACTION POITS	1. Partners to share any urgent logistics constraints, access challenges, and anticipated support requirements with the Logistics Cluster as the situation evolves. 2. Partners requiring additional storage capacity to submit requests indicating the required location and estimated capacity needs. 3. The Logistics Cluster to assess and facilitate the deployment of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) based on partner requests and security feasibility. 4. The Logistics Cluster to establish a dedicated WhatsApp group for logistics and supply chain focal points to enhance real-time information sharing and coordination. 5. Partners to continue monitoring road accessibility and operational developments affecting humanitarian supply chains, particularly in Taiz and the West Coast.

1. Opening

The Logistics Cluster convened an ad hoc coordination meeting in response to the recent escalation of the Taiz and West Coast situation and its potential impact on humanitarian operations. Participants were welcomed and informed that the purpose of the meeting was to:

- Share updates on the evolving situation.
- Discuss potential operational challenges.
- Identify immediate logistics needs and support requirements.
- Gather feedback from partners regarding preparedness and response capacities.

2. Operational and Security Update

The Logistics Cluster provided an overview of the evolving situation:

- A significant escalation of hostilities was reported between 3 and 5 September 2026, representing the most serious increase in fighting since 2021 (OCHA Flash Update, 4 September).
- Approximately 1,790 families were reported displaced between 3 and 4 September 2026.
- Areas of concern include Taiz, the West Coast, Marib, Al Jawf, Al Bayda, and other frontline locations.
- Increased insecurity is creating risks to:
  - Humanitarian access.
  - Commercial supply chains.
  - Market functionality.
  - Movement of humanitarian personnel and cargo.
- Risks were also highlighted concerning telecommunications disruptions, power shortages, and communication infrastructure damage, potentially affecting coordination and response efforts.

3. Logistics Challenges and Partner Feedback

Partners discussed several operational concerns:

- **Access Constraints**

  Ongoing fighting may restrict safe movements along key transport corridors and delay humanitarian assistance delivery.

- **Increased Humanitarian Needs**

  Additional displacement is expected to place pressure on already limited humanitarian resources and response capacities.

- **Transportation Concerns**

  Secours Islamique France (SIF) raised concerns regarding deteriorating security conditions and the resulting impact on transportation, mobilization, and humanitarian access to affected areas, particularly around Taiz, Al Nuhah, Al Haffa, Al Mawza, and surrounding districts.

- **Route Disruptions**

  INSO reported that the Al-Qadaha Road through Al BAWAZIR had reportedly been cut, creating additional concerns for access to Taiz. With limited alternative routes available, INSO emphasized the importance of continuously monitoring displacement movements and evolving security conditions. Partners were encouraged to closely track developments that may affect humanitarian access, supply movements, and operational continuity.

- **Storage Support Needs**

  Save the Children International (SCI) reported ongoing responses involving cash assistance, non-food items (NFIs), and medical supplies in affected areas.

  Indicated that additional storage capacity may be needed in the near future to support operations and suggested exploring shared storage solutions for humanitarian partners.

4. Logistics Cluster Support Available

The Logistics Cluster informed partners that:

- Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are available for deployment based on identified needs and security clearances.
- Approximately 50 MSUs are currently available for potential deployment.
- The Cluster can support transportation and installation of MSUs where justified by partner requirements and operational feasibility.
- Additional logistics support options, including potential transportation assistance for humanitarian cargo, continue to be reviewed through contingency planning processes.

5. Coordination and Information Sharing

- The Logistics Cluster proposed establishing a dedicated WhatsApp group for logistics and supply chain focal points to facilitate rapid information sharing and operational updates.
- Existing Microsoft Teams communication channels remain active and available for information exchange.
- Partners were encouraged to share logistics concerns, contingency plans, and emerging requirements either through the group channels or bilaterally with the Logistics Cluster.

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