
Meeting Minutes, 7 September 2021

Somalia Logistics Cluster



LOCATION	Mogadishu, Online
DATE	7 September 2021
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	GREDO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), OXFAM, Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Vision International, and World Food Programme (WFP).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key local supply chain and market alerts were shared for the last week. If partners would like a copy of the report, please contact chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org.• Logistics Cluster to continue to share updates on access restrictions following the recent flooding across Somalia (road and airstrip accessibility), specifically on Jowhar.• The Logistics Cluster to share the required documentation for each port on the Somalia Logistics Cluster webpage.• The Logistics Cluster to share details on the temporary opening of the Madera border in the upcoming meeting.• Partners are encouraged to share Tax exemption issues with the Logistics Cluster to bolster advocacy efforts for more efficient process.• All communication or inquiries regarding possible cargo movements should be sent first to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org, and then partners should use WFP Service Marketplace to formalize their requests.• Partners are encouraged to suggest discussion topics for the next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting by emailing chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Action Points Review2. Logistics Cluster Situation Update3. Cargo Transport Requirements4. Seaport Overview5. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 27 July were reviewed:

- Key local supply chain and market alerts were shared for the last week. If partners would like a copy of the report, please contact chifundo.ntupayama@wfp.org. – **[COMPLETED]**
- Partners to share preparedness plans with the Logistics Cluster for capacity planning. – **[ONGOING]**
- Information about Kismayo port operations to be shared with the group in the next meeting. – **[COMPLETED]**
- Road and airport access maps to be shared by email. – **[COMPLETED]**
- Partners are invited to complete the Logistics Cluster Mid-Year User Feedback Survey to share feedback and recommendations regarding the support and services made available by the Logistics Cluster in Somalia. **Please use the following link [here to complete the survey](#).** – **[COMPLETED]**

2. Situation Update

- The updated [Roads Access map](#) and [Airport Access map](#) (as of 17 August) are available on the [Logistics Cluster Somalia webpage](#).
- Access challenges that are affecting cross border operations, inland transport, and airlift operations were discussed:
 - Some roads in the South of Somalia (ex-Mogadishu) are closed due to access constraints.
 - Cross-border trade is continuing despite unrest in Ethiopia, while the Kenya - Somalia borders remain closed.
- All ports remain operational.
- WFP time-chartered vessel MV Spiekeroog is currently sailing. The next port of call is **Bosasso** ETA **09.09.2021**.
- The Logistics Cluster shared the key local supply chain and market alerts for the last week:
 - **South Somalia:** In Dolow, some commodities saw price reductions attributed to a more favorable flow of goods through Berbera and Mogadishu.
 - **Galgadud:** In Guriel and Dhusamareb, the prices of commodities remained the same. In Saaxo, the price of some commodities increased such as sugar from 16 USD/25kg to 17 USD/25kg and rice from 15 USD/25kg to 16 USD/25kg due to lower supply flows from Bossaso.
 - **Somaliland:** Reports from WFP Somalia Supply Chain indicate that the civil unrest in Ethiopia further deteriorated but without an immediate impact on the supply corridor.
 - **Puntland:** Since last week, clashes have been reported in Saxo-maygaag Boocame district that has affected the supply corridor along the border between Boocame district and Nugaal region. In Garowe, prices of imported commodities remained the same
 - **Banadir/Hirshabelle:** In Warsheik, an additional checkpoint in between Elmaan and Warsheik was reported and may affect the supply corridor.
 - If partners would like a copy of the full report, please contact chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org.

3. Cargo Transport Requirements

- Logistics Cluster has facilitated the delivery of 1,095 mt of cargo on behalf of eleven organisations so far in 2021:
 - 1,036 mt through air transport
 - 51 mt through overland transport
 - 8 mt through sea transport.
- Key locations for upcoming movements are: Berdale and Dollow. Additional cargo to these destinations can be accepted. Potential needs for Wajid are also welcome.
- Partners expressed challenges with tax exemption. The Logistics Cluster will share more information on the tax process in the upcoming meeting.
- All communication or inquiries regarding possible cargo movements using the time-chartered should be sent first to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org, and then partners should use [WFP Service Marketplace](#) to formalize their requests.

4. Seaport Overview

- WFP Operations and Shipping team provided an overview of port capacities in Somalia. There are four major ports in Somalia: Berbera, Bossaso, Mogadishu and Kismayo.
- **Berbera Port:**
 - Currently operated by DP World under a 30-year concession agreement that started in 2016.
 - Able to handle general cargo ships, bulk carriers, tankers, roll-on/roll-off (RORO), Passenger, and livestock ships.
 - It has a container yard within the port. It has expanded its infrastructure lately with modern port equipment like RTG cranes and increased berths to a total length of 400m.
 - Container Cargo can be stored for 14 days, after which storage fees are applicable. Otherwise, there are no port facilities for loose cargo. However, there are private warehouses available. Plans are underway to have port warehouses.
 - There is no cold storage facility available.
 - The road network from the port is currently under rehabilitation.
- **Bossaso Port:**
 - The port can receive two vessels (one commercial and Tanker/Livestock) at a time, as well as up to six Dhows. The port can only receive break-bulk cargo.
 - The port is now run by P&O Ports - Dubai owned company.
 - The port receives both national and international arrivals and is always busy as it can only accommodate one big ship and five to six DHOWs at a time.
 - It is highly recommended for Humanitarian Aid Sector to apply for their tax Exemption Requests and secure the grant from the concerned Puntland Authority before the arrival of their shipments to Bossaso port to avoid demerges and port charges.

- Plans have been in the pipeline to expand the port to receive 40 ft containers but are yet to be implemented.
- There are no readily available storage facilities, so stakeholders are encouraged to take cargo out right after discharge.
- Movements between Berbera and Bosasso are possible through the Time Charter Vessel and Dhows or commercial Sea operators facilitated by the Logistics Cluster. Road transport is also possible, but clearances are needed.
- **Mogadishu Port:**
 - The port can accommodate up to six vessels and has got one Roll-On/Roll-Off (RORO). The port is operational throughout the year and can receive both bulk/breakbulk and containerized cargo.
 - The port receives both national and international arrivals and operates from Friday afternoon to Thursday afternoon throughout the year. During official holidays, the port is closed.
 - The port uses a tariff system, but aid cargo is tax exempted if a grant is secured from the Office of the Prime Minister.
 - It is highly recommended for humanitarian organizations to apply for their Tax Exemption Requests before the arrival of their shipments to Mogadishu port to avoid demerges and port charges.
 - There are restrictions for truck access to the port during the daytime.
- **Kismayo Port:**
 - WFP Somalia has carried out infrastructural improvements on the port.
 - The port can handle general cargo ships.
 - The Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) has services twice a month.
 - The port allows storage for 14 days. Limited private storage is also available, and WFP has storage facilities a Kilometer from the port.
- The required documentation and average processing time for each port for each port were presented, and a separate document outlining requirements will be prepared and shared with partners.

5. AOB

- There is an indication that the Madera Border will be temporarily opened (one-off). The Logistics Cluster will share more information on this.
- Partners were encouraged to share their tax exemption issues with the Logistics Cluster to bolster advocacy efforts.
- Partners are encouraged to suggest discussion topics for the next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting. In order to do so, they can email chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for **21 September at 11:00 am EAT**.

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