
Meeting Minutes, 21 September 2021

Somalia Logistics Cluster



LOCATION	Mogadishu, Online
DATE	21 September 2021
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Action Against Hunger, GREDO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), MEDAIR, OXFAM, SOMAUS HELP, 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.• The Logistics Cluster will continue to share updates on access restrictions across Somalia (road and airstrip accessibility).• Partners are called to share their potential needs for the Madera-Liboi border posts opening with chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org by COB Tuesday 28 September 2021.• 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. Temporary Opening of the Mandera – Liboi Border Posts5. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 7 September 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]
- Logistics Cluster to continue to share updates on access restrictions following the recent flooding across Somalia (road and airstrip accessibility), specifically on Jowhar. – [ONGOING]
- The Logistics Cluster to share the required documentation for each port on the [Somalia Logistics Cluster webpage](#). – [ONGOING]
- The Logistics Cluster to share details on the temporary opening of the Madera border in the upcoming meeting. – [COMPLETED]
- Partners are encouraged to share tax exemption issues with the Logistics Cluster to bolster advocacy efforts for more efficient process – [COMPLETED]
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2. Situation Update

- The updated [Roads Access map](#) and [Airport Access map](#) (as of 15 September) 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/ restricted which is increasing lead time to locations like Jowhar.
 - Following the explosion at Bulo Burde airport, the facility is closed.
 - The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) is discussing withdrawal from Qansahdere and Burdhubo Airports. The Logistics Cluster will be monitoring the impacts.
- All ports remain operational.
- The time-chartered vessel is currently sailing. The next port of call is **Mombasa ETA 27.09.2021**. Partners are encouraged to share requests for sea transport early to allow time for the different process.
- The Logistics Cluster shared the key local supply chain and market alerts for the last week. Please contact chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org if you would like a copy of the full report.
 - **South Somalia:** In Baidoa Market, some imported commodities from Mogadishu increased in prices due to high rental cost of imported containers from the source market. One partner reported delays due to the increase in container prices. The Logistics Cluster will continue to monitor this.
 - **Somaliland:** The Buroa – Odweyne (70 km) corridor is currently undergoing tarmac construction and lead time has increased.

3. Cargo Transport Requirements

- Logistics Cluster has facilitated the delivery of 1,100 mt of cargo on behalf of eleven organizations so far in 2021:
 - 1,036 mt through air transport
 - 51 mt through overland transport
 - 13 mt through sea transport.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently facilitating the transport of around 40 mt of humanitarian cargo on behalf of partners.
- 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.

4. Temporary Opening of the Mandera – Liboi Border Posts

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya has granted WFP a **temporary one-off – opening** of the Mandera/Liboi Border Post to facilitate the transportation of humanitarian supplies to Somalia by road through Mandera and Liboi.
- The exercise requires adherence to a limited schedule and close collaboration with the Government to inform of the transport in advance.
- The Logistics Cluster is consolidating the potential needs of partners to be included in this one-off operation.
- Partners were asked to share their potential needs with chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org by COB Sunday 19 September 2021. The deadline has been extended to **Tuesday 28 September 2021**.
- Partners must ensure to include the type of cargo, weight/volume, current location and final destination in their requests for consolidation and further assessment.

5. AOB

- 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 **5 October at 11:00 am EAT**.

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