Meeting Minutes, 5 October 2021
Somalia Logistics Cluster

LOCATION
Mogadishu, Online

DATE
5 October 2021

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
GREDO, Formal Education Network for Private Schools (FENPS), Halo Trust, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), 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
• If partners would like a copy of the Key local supply chain and market alerts report, please contact chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org.
• The Logistics Cluster will continue to share updates on access restrictions across Somalia (road and airstrip accessibility).
• The Logistics Cluster will share access information on routes into Somalia and to Hobyo.
• Partners are encouraged to share their experiences with shipping following the reduction in free time with chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org.
• Partners reiterated challenges with Air transport, particularly in transporting of COVAX vaccines. The Logistics Cluster will reach out bilaterally to discuss this.
• The Logistics Cluster will share an updated Somalia storage summary
• All communication/inquiries regarding possible cargo movements should be sent first to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org, then partners should use WFP Service Marketplace to formalize the requests.
• Partners are encouraged to suggest discussion topics for the next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting by emailing chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org.

AGENDA
1. Action Points Review
2. Logistics Cluster Situation Update
3. Cargo Transport Requirements
4. Mid-Year Survey Results – Somalia Logistics Cluster
5. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 21 September were reviewed:

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- 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]
- Partners are called to share their potential needs for the Madera-Liboi border posts opening with chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org by COB 28.10.2021 This was extended to 5.10.2021. – [ONGOING]
- All communication or inquiries regarding possible cargo movements should be sent first to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org and then formalized on WFP Service Marketplace. – [ONGOING]
- Partners are encouraged to suggest discussion topics for the next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting by emailing chifundo.ntupanyama@wfp.org – [COMPLETED]

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 or constrained, which is affecting access to Johwar and Mahaday.
  - Partners enquired on access ex Ethiopia to Somalia and access to Hobyo from Northern Galkayo. The Logistics Cluster will confirm whether the routes are accessible or not.
  - Following the bombing at Bulo Burte airport, the facility has reopened.
  - Dhobley airport is closed for rehabilitation.
  - Baidoa airport still has a cutoff time due to ongoing renovations. Flights can only operate between 07:30-12:00.
  - The Logistics Cluster is monitoring and is in contact with African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) which is discussing withdrawal from Qansahdhere and Burdhubo Airports.
- All ports remain operational. WFP time-chartered vessel MV Spiekeroog is currently in Mombasa. Partners are encouraged to share requests for Sea transport early to allow time for the different process.
- A partner reported that they had received information communication that a major shipping company was reducing free time which will impact sea transport costs. Partners are encouraged to share their experiences with shipping with the Logistics Cluster.

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.

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4. Mid-Year Survey Results – Somalia Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster presented the results of the Mid-Year Survey which aimed to get feedback and recommendations from partners regarding the support and services made available by the Logistics Cluster in Somalia.
- Overall, the results indicated satisfaction with the services provided. The Cluster will work to implement suggestions for improvement that were put forward by partners and are within the Cluster mandate.
- The Logistics Cluster encouraged the increased participation of national NGOs in the End of Year Survey.
- Partners emphasised that the maintenance of “Any Other Business” on the Agenda was important as it allows partners to raise emerging issues.
- Partners with specific needs were encouraged to reach out bilaterally to the Logistics Cluster.
- Partners encouraged additional information sharing on available resources such air, sea, and road transport (schedules) with an emphasis on Storage services. The Logistics Cluster will share an updated storage summary/map.
- Partners encouraged the use of the WhatsApp platform to share information quickly.

5. AOB

- Cargo has been consolidated for the Mandera Liboi border. Deadline is 5 October 2021. The plan will be communicated to partners that have expressed interest.
- 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 19 October at 11:00 am EAT.

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