Meeting Minutes, 08 March 2022
Somalia Logistics Cluster

LOCATION
Mogadishu, Online

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), GREDO, Save the Children, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Vision, SOS Children's Village (SOS CV), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), World Vision and World Food Programme (WFP)

ACTION POINTS
- Logistics Cluster to continue to share updates on access restrictions.
- Logistics Cluster to conduct a survey regarding key coordination and advocacy priorities

AGENDA
1. Action Points Review
2. Logistics Cluster Situation Update
3. Impact of Drought
4. Operational Priority Areas
5. Rainfall Forecast for the 2022 GU Season
6. Q1 Transport Plans
7. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 22 February were reviewed:
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to share updates on access restrictions across Somalia (road and airstrip accessibility). [Ongoing]
- To inform the Logistics Cluster coordination, a survey regarding key coordination and advocacy priorities will be conducted. [Planned]

2. Logistics Cluster Situation Update

Access Updates:
- The updated Roads Access map and Airport Access map (as of 03 March)
- Diinsor is still difficult to access. 48h notice needs to be given to have Diinsor cleared but even then access its not guaranteed.
- Wajid and Hudur are now accessible.
- Baidoa is still closed due to ongoing renovations.
Sea Transport Updates:

- All ports remain operational. WFP time-chartered vessel MV Spiekeroog is presently in Mombasa.
- The vessel is currently undergoing dry dock and certification. She will be out of service for cargo operations until 13th March 2022.
- Due to pressing needs, the vessel will proceed first to Djibouti before continuing deliveries to Berbera and other ports.
- Schedule from end of March to end of April is relatively fixed to meet all current urgent requirements.
- Considering the requests that have been made already, limited space is available. Partners that currently have cargo to be transported by sea, please reach out to the Logistics team (ashim.shrestha@wfp.org and sylvia.odari@wfp.org) as soon as possible.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently monitoring the disruption and impact of international shipments that were expected from Ukraine and Russia. Partners to reach out if disruptions are experienced in order to take collective action.
- Updates on upcoming schedules will be shared with all partners.

Supply Chain/ Market Alerts

- Access: Consumers have safe access to the marketplace in all regions.
- Availability: There is scarcity of fruits and vegetables in almost all regions due to the ongoing drought, except in South Somalia where there is sufficient supply of food commodities in Luuq town. In Somaliland, the prices of imported food commodities remain especially high due to increased demand, high shipping, fuel cost and existing drought.
- Prices: There has been a price increase of some food commodities in all regions except in South Somalia where some of the imported food items remain the same as last week or are slightly decreased.
- Infrastructure: Supply routes are accessible in all areas except in Waajid, Hudur and Diinsor.
- For a detailed report please reach out to annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org

3. Impact of Drought

- Approximately 4.5 million people across all districts are affected by the drought. The shock has further exacerbated the humanitarian situation, including:
  - Displacement of more than 670,000 people
  - Severe water shortage, increasing water prices and below normal water levels
  - Large-scale crop failures and livestock deaths, impacting food supplies and livelihoods
  - Outbreaks of communicable diseases, including measles, acute watery diarrhea (AWD), and cholera
  - Deteriorating nutrition situation with rates of Severe Acute Malnutrition rising to alarming levels.
4. Operational Priority Areas

- Operational Priority Areas provide a roadmap for drought responses coordination and implementation based on analysis of multiple data sources, including: SWALIM, IPC Acute Food Insecurity, Displacement (PRMN), GAM/SAM prevalence rates, Water prices, Health severity and Response gaps.
- The operational priority areas are Bakool, Bay, Gedo, Galgaduud, Middle Shabelle and Mudug.

5. Rainfall Forecast for the 2022 GU Season

- Available rainfall forecasts from major climate information services indicate differing outlooks for the April to June 2022 season.
- According to the March to May 2022 seasonal forecasts issues by IGAD and Application Center (ICPAC) Climate Prediction and Application Center (ICPAC) there is a likelihood of receiving average to above average-rainfall amounts in Somalia and the Ethiopian highlands which are responsible for most of the flow in the Juba and Shabelle rivers in Somalia.
- In contrast, forecast from other global sources (NOAA and IRI) indicate that cumulative rainfall during the March-May 2022 long rains/Gu season is most likely to be average to below-average in Somalia.
- The seasonal rains are expected to start in the last week of March in the southern areas and second half of April 2022 in the central and northern areas.
- Following the failure of three consecutive rainy seasons since October 2020, extended drought impacts are likely to be experienced across most parts of Somalia even under the more optimistic rainfall forecasts from ICPAC/IGAC.
- However, under the alternative forecast from other sources, the forthcoming Gu season rainfall is expected to below average, and this will likely lead to extended and worsening drought conditions in Somalia. A pessimistic forecast should be considered for humanitarian response planning for at least the first half of 2022.
- The Logistics Cluster may face access issues during the flood season; areas along the Shabelle river are most impacted, such as Mogadishu, Jowhar and Mandere.
- Partners are encouraged to consider the possible closure of roads and air strips during the rainy season.
- Partners are encouraged to plan for the prepositioning of cargo from Mogadishu to field locations while roads are open.

6. Cargo Transport overview

- All requested cargo transports have been completed.
- Requests which are pending are due to documentation and special contracting arrangement for flights.
- New requests are now being accepted again. Priority locations as per drought priority areas - Bakool, Bay, Gedo, Galgaduud, Middle Shabelle and Mudug - will take precedence in organizing service queue.
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- Since the beginning of 2022, a total of 193mt of cargo has been transported for the drought response and 28 requests have been completed.
- Partners are encouraged to share cargo movement plans with the Logistics Cluster via the Service Market Place.

7. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster will meet again on the 22nd of March at 11:00 am EAT.
- All requests (including IM requests) to be directed to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

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