Meeting Minutes, 22 March 2022

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Logistics Cluster

Save the Children, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), World Vision, Trocaire, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Somaus Help Inc, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) 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.
- Logistics Cluster is currently seeking clarification on whether the Mandera border is open and whether it can be used for cargo/supply movement.
- Logistics Cluster to closely monitoring the Ukraine crises and its affect on other sectors including cost of transport. Logistics Cluster will provide more information and analysis going forward.

AGENDA

1. Action Points Review
2. Logistics Cluster Situation Update
3. Drought Response Update
4. Q1 Transport Plans
5. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 08 March were reviewed:

- The Logistics Cluster will continue to share updates on access constraints 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 18 March)

https://logcluster.org/ops/som20a
Some roads are expected to be closed in the coming months due to the upcoming rainy season.

As previously seen, areas particularly impacted by the rainy season are the roads located along the Shabelle river, such as Jawhar and Mahadday.

Partners to share needs to those locations as soon as possible to allow to preposition cargo before the onset of the rainy season.

El Berde airport is currently not operational.

Sea Transport Updates:

- All ports remain operational. WFP time-chartered vessel MV Spiekeroog is currently loading in Mombasa.
- 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.
- Updates on upcoming schedules will be shared with all partners.

Supply Chain/ Market Alerts

- Fuel prices have increased as a consequence of the Ukraine crisis, affecting the logistics sector, including costs of transport.
- Air operations are also anticipated to be impacted by the increasing fuel prices.
- The biggest exporters of wheat and pasta to Somalia have reduced exports due to uncertainties in the global market.
- The imbalance between demand and supply of imported food commodities in different markets has impacted food prices, thus reducing consumer’s purchasing power.
- Partners are encouraged to engage with transporters to have a clearer picture on how this could have an impact on their operation/programmes.
- Logistics Cluster is closely monitoring the situation and will provide more information and analysis going forward.

3. Drought Response Update

- No new update since the last co-ordination meeting (please refer to the meeting minutes from 08 March 2022).
- Logistics Cluster is currently supporting the ICCG with a warehouse preposition mapping exercise.
- Key preposition hubs are being mapped with respective clusters and it will be included in the map.
- Additional discussion regarding stock monitoring is planned based on findings.

4. Cargo Transport Overview

- Logistics Cluster has around 330mt of supplies to be transported over the next few days.
• New requests are now being accepted again. Partners to share cargo movement plans with the Logistics Cluster as soon as possible via the Service Market Place.
• Since the beginning of 2022, a total of 213mt of cargo has been transported for the drought response and 28 requests have been completed.

5. AOB

• The Logistics Cluster will meet again on the 05th of April at 11:00 am EAT.
• All requests (including IM requests) to be directed to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

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