LOCATION: Mogadishu, Online
DATE: 25 January 2022
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: GREDO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Save the Children, Medair International Organization and World Food Programme (WFP).

ACTION POINTS:

- Logistics Cluster to continue to share updates on access restrictions
- 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 annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org

AGENDA:
1. Action points review
2. Logistics Cluster Team Introduction
3. Logistics Cluster Situation Update
4. Drought Response Updates
5. Q1 Transport Plans
6. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 14 December were reviewed:

- Partners who wish to have a copy of the key local supply chain and market alerts report are to contact somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org [Ongoing]
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to share updates on access restrictions across Somalia (road and airstrip accessibility). [Ongoing]
- All communication/inquiries regarding possible cargo movement should be sent first to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org, then partners should use WFP Service Marketplace to formalize the requests. [Ongoing]
- Partners are encouraged to suggest discussion topics for the next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting by emailing annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org [Ongoing]
2. Logistics Cluster Team Introduction

- Ashim Shresta (ashim.shrestha@wfp.org), based in Mogadishu, is responsible for managing the Logistics Cluster services.
- Anne-Kathrin Landherr (annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org), based in Nairobi, is responsible for the Logistic Cluster Information Management.
- Sylvia Odari (sylvia.odari@wfp.org), based in Nairobi, together with Ashim, is responsible for the Logistics Cluster services.
- Both Ashim and Anne-Kathrin have a background in capacity strengthening and will be supporting the Logistics Cluster in further capacity strengthening engagement.

3. Logistics Cluster Situation Update

Access Updates:

- The updated Roads Access map and Airport Access map (as of 20 January) are available, with no major changes. All the monitored airstrips are open. The maps will be published on a bi-weekly basis.
- The Logistics Cluster reported challenges in accessing the ramp at Mogadishu airport, related to recent access restrictions through MOVCON gate, that resulted in cargo shunting delays/impediments for facilitated flights. While this issue is solved:
  - The Logistic Cluster has received ad-hoc approval for cargo scheduled this week; however, there is currently more cargo in the warehouse which will require clarification before it can be transported.
  - If any other partners face these issues, please let the Logistics Cluster team know and they will send the most updated information available.
  - Partners reported similar experiences that were overcome by letting contractors to gather the required clearance.

Sea Transport Updates:

- All ports remain operational. The WFP time-chartered vessel, MV Spiekeroog, is currently in Mogadishu and will call next at Mombasa, Mogadishu and then return to Mombasa. Partners were encouraged to share cargo needs for the calls as soon as possible.
- The vessel requires scheduled maintenance and updates will be provided on how long the maintenance will take as soon as possible.
- This schedule is also published on the website and, following requests, it will also be shared by email.
- UNHCR has cargo in Mogadishu which they want to send to Kismayu (estimated seven to eight containers of NFIs and shelter kits). UNHCR to contact WFP bilaterally and Sylvia to support.
- Currently, based on storage adjustments, WFP’s seaport warehouse capacity is reduced. The Logistics Cluster is looking into alternative storage resources. Partners should reach out to the Logistics Cluster team if they are affected by the reduction.
Supply Chain/ Market Alerts
The main updates under the supply chain/market alerts include:

- **Access**: Consumers have safe access to the marketplace in all regions.
- **Availability**: There is availability of local and imported food commodities in the market in all regions except for in: I) Somaliland, where the supply of watermelon has reduced due to poor harvest; II) Puntland, where there is limited availability of wheat flour and canned beans; and III) Banadir/Hirshabelle, where there is low availability of both local and imported food commodities in Balcad town due to increased price of fuel, political tension, high shipping cost and drought.
- **Prices**: Local and imported food prices have been stable in all regions except for in Banadir/Hirshabelle, where the price of locally produced food commodities has increased. In Puntland, the price of wheat flour has increased by USD $1.
- **Infrastructure**: Supply routes are accessible in all areas; however, lead times have been impacted by ongoing construction on the Bosaso-Garowe highway and bridge. These renovations are to address damages caused by rains.

4. Drought Response Update
The Logistics Cluster presented the following drought updates:

- **FEWS NET**:
  - Rainfall from September-December was characterized by a significantly delayed onset, uneven distribution and largely below average performance over much of the eastern Horn.
  - Drought severity will likely intensify through January-March dry season.
  - The deyr rains were well below average. Nugaal, Mudug, Galgaduud and Hiiraan are currently under severe to extreme drought conditions (SPI<-1.5).

- **SWALIM**:
  - The drought conditions in Jubaland in southern parts of the country have deteriorated from severe to extreme.
  - Other mild drought areas in the north are now facing moderate levels of drought with worsening expectations.

- **OCHA**:
  - Over 3.2 million people are currently affected by the drought in 66 of the 74 districts.
  - Due to the drought, many people in the South/South West have been displaced and there has been an increased loss of livestock, malnutrition, and lack of shelter. Many agencies are responding by providing Cash Transfers.

5. Q1 Transport Plans

- Currently, forecasts indicate around 228 MT of cargo with transport requested, ~50MT by air with additional ~25MT being flagged.
- There is a high need to gather forecast of cargo requirement for February and March, particularly on drought-related needs (as seen in the table).
- Logistics Cluster will organize bilateral meetings to collect additional information.
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- Low demand indicated to El Waak and more cargo is required to enable flights. Partners were encouraged to share needs.

6. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster will meet again on 8 February at 11:00am EAT.
- All requests (including IM requests) to be directed to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org
- Ashim, together with Sylvia, is the focal point for services.
- Anne-Kathrin is the focal point for IM.

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