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Mogadishu, Online

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Gredo, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Save the Children (SCI), Somaus Help Inc., Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Trocaire, United Nations’s Children Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision International.

ACTION POINTS
- Logistics Cluster to continue to share updates on access restrictions.
- Logistics Cluster to continue to share updates on fuel prices.
- Logistics Cluster to share Market Alerts Report upon request.
- Logistics Cluster to review partners’ location-access needs, such as to Burhakaba, which can only be accessed via helicopter or other currently unavailable transportation means.
- Partners to share locations of interest which the Logistics Cluster currently is not covering.

AGENDA
1. Action Points Review
2. Situation Update
3. Common Service Planning
4. Energy Fuel Prices
5. Custom Clearance
6. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 14 June 2022 were reviewed:
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to share updates on access restrictions across Somalia (road and airstrip accessibility). [Ongoing]
- The Logistics Cluster conducted an assessment of the Baidoa to Kasandere route. However, the route has been identified as inaccessible. [Completed]
- A quantitative and qualitative data analysis was conducted by the Logistics Cluster for the 2022 tax exemption analysis; the entry table will be shared with partners in the next coordination meeting on 12th of July. [Ongoing]
2. Situation Update

General Country Updates:
- The Logistics Cluster is currently maintaining a number of conversations with different donors to scale up Logistics Cluster’s support services in Somalia. Due to the current drought and developing famine crisis, it is expected that donors shall support this upscaling exercise.
- The Logistics Cluster is planning to reach out to partners to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the current and emerging logistics support needs in terms of cargo and non-food items (NFIs) movements in Somalia.

Road Transport Network Updates:
- The following roads are currently closed or inaccessible: (1) Kismayo-Afmadow-Qoqani-Dobley (2) Kismayo-Bardere-Baidoa (3) Baidoa-Dollow (4) Jowhar–Jalalaqsi (2) Jalalaqsi–Buulobarde–Beletweyne (3) Brava–Jilib (4) Mogadishu–Burhakaba–Baidoa and (5) Galkayo–Bacadweyne–South Mudug.
- A warning has been issued for the Mogadishu-Jowhar road due to insecurity and rain. Careful planning is required to use the route.

Air Transport Updates:
- Increased rainfall in most parts of Somalia has particularly affected the accessibility in Afmadow, Jalalaqsi and Bardale.
- Authorities have officially opened the airport in El Wak.
- Baidoa airport is open until 16:00 EAT.

Sea Transport and Airport Updates:
- All ports remain operational. WFP time-chartered vessel MV Spiekeroog arrived in Djibouti on the 27th of June. The vessel completed its movement.
- The new vessel is expected to depart Djibouti on the 5th of July following its inspection and release to WFP Somalia. After Djibouti, her first Cargo Orders will be to sail to Berbera to load full capacity for discharge in Bosasso.
- Updates to upcoming schedules will be shared with all partners.

Relief Materials Pipeline and Sourcing:
- **Availability/Assortment**: Food commodities are available in all regions.
- **Prices**: While the prices of food commodities in Somaliland, Puntland, Banadir/Hirshabelle and Central Somalia are increasing, the prices in South Somalia are slightly decreasing due to the arrival of the cargo ship in Kismayo with food commodities.
- **Infrastructure**: The supply corridors in all regions are accessible. However, in Central Somalia, Xinbarwaaqo supply corridor is not easily accessible due to sand being blown on the road and causing blockage. This may increase lead time for transporters who choose to use alternate routes or increase transport costs which will impact consumer costs. Finally, in the Banadir/ Hirshabelle region, the illegal checkpoint between Beletweyn and Mataban still remains.
- For a detailed report, please reach out to annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org

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3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

Information Management
- The updated Roads Access map and Airport Access map (as of 23 June 2022) have been uploaded on the Logistics Cluster website.

Services
- Thus far in 2022:
  - The Logistics Cluster has supported ten organizations (CESVI, UNHCR, HAPPEN, IOM, ACF, MOHADM, Gredo, UNICEF, Concern and MOH) in the provision of common logistics services.
  - The Logistics Cluster transported 1,126 mt of cargoes (Nutrition, Wash, Health, Education, Shelter, NFIs and Food) to 15 locations.
  - 434 mt of cargo has been transported via air, 572 mt via road and 120 mt via sea.
- In June 2022, 132 mt of cargo was transported for 5 organizations.
- The majority of requests for airlifts are requested for transport to the southern region.
- Access remains a concern due to insecurity, especially in areas under the control of non-state armed actors. This is creating high dependency on airlifts, increasing the cost of transportation.

4. Energy Fuel Prices

Energy Fuel Analysis: Diesel
- The Logistics Cluster continues to conduct fuel assessments on a monthly basis.
- As seen in the graph presented by the Logistics Cluster, the fuel situation has incrementally stabilized in Somalia since April.
- The cost of diesel is currently around 1.09USD per liter, compared to 0.59USD in January 2021: the cumulative increase is around 85% since January 2021.

Energy Fuel Analysis: A1 Jet Fuel
- A1 Jet Fuel is mainly used for airlifting and it is therefore important for partners to continue monitoring its availability and cost.
- The data from May 2022 shows that the prices for A1 Jet Fuel has stabilized a little more; however, it is still on the rise.
- Currently the price for A1 Jet fuel is 1.06USD per liter, compared to last month’s 0.98USD; the cumulative increase is around 70% since January 2021.

Energy Fuel Crises Puntland
- Since the last two days, there is an ongoing fuel crisis (petrol & diesel) in Puntland region caused by a supply break and hoarding by key oil dealers in Bossaso.
- Compared to last week, prices of both petrol and diesel have increased by up to 12% and 20% respectively.
- Due to the crisis, many petrol stations have run out of fuel and those with fuel are experiencing long queues.
Interviews with supply chain actors indicated that the main cause is the new import tariffs introduced by the Puntland Government.

Discussion between the Puntland Government officials and key supply chain stakeholders is underway to resolve this impasse.

**Customs Clearance**

- The Logistics Cluster is trying to bring attention to the issue around the delays of humanitarian cargo customs clearance, especially in Mogadishu.
- The Logistics Cluster has made this issue around customs clearance as a key priority of advocacy in Somalia.
- Partners are invited to reach out to the Logistics Cluster for focused discussion around customs clearance.

5. **AOB**

- **Question 1**: What is the best approach to reach Burhakaba?
  - As of now, the Logistics Cluster does not facilitate operations via helicopter. Cargo can be delivered by air to Baidoa and then transported from Baidoa to Burhakaba by road.
  - However, if the need increases and more partners need to access Burhakaba and other hard-to-reach locations, then the Logistics Cluster will assess those needs and explore possibilities to deploy a helicopter in Somalia.
- **Question 2**: What could be the next step regarding the warning alert that is posed for the Mogadisu-Joware route?
  - If the security situation changes, the last resort would be to fly to Jowhar from Mogadishu. However, as of now, all options are first explored by road as flying remains the last resort. The Logistics Cluster will keep monitoring the route closely and keep partners informed.
- The Logistics Cluster will meet again on the **12th of July at 11:00 am EAT**.
- All requests (including IM requests) to be directed to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

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