Meeting Minutes, 12 July 2022
Somalia Logistics Cluster

LOCATION: Mogadishu, Online
DATE: 12 July 2022
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Medical Corps (IMC), Gredo, United Nations’s Children Fund (UNICEF), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Save the Children (SCI), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Somaus Help Inc., Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), World Food Programme (WFP).

ACTION POINTS:
• The Logistics Cluster to continue sharing updates on access restrictions and fuel prices.
• The Logistics Cluster to share Market Alerts Reports upon request.
• Partners to share needs for El Wak for the Logistics Cluster to consolidate needs.
• Partners to share needs for transport cargo to Mahas for the Logistics Cluster to consolidate needs.

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

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 14 June were reviewed:
• The Logistics Cluster will continue to share updates on access restrictions across Somalia (road and airstrip accessibility). [Ongoing]
• The Logistics Cluster will continue to share updates on fuel prices across Somalia. [Ongoing]
• The Logistics Cluster will share Market Alert Reports upon request. [Ongoing]
• The 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. [Completed]
2. Situation Update

General Country Updates:

- The worsening drought is putting some areas in central and southern Somalia at an increased risk of famine.
- The situation in Bay and Bakool regions in Somalia’s southwest state is particularly concerning as the state is currently experiencing its worst drought in a decade.
- The Logistics Cluster is developing a comprehensive supply chain route for the two regions to provide a clearer vision on routes for the transportation of in-kind supplies by road and air.
- The roads to and from Xuddur are inaccessible (Reb Dhurre - Xuddur, Ceel Berde – Xuddur, Tayeeglow - Xuddur and Baidoa - Wajid - Xuddur).
- The roads from Baidoa to Diinsor and Baidoa to Qansaxdhere are also inaccessible.
- There are airstrips in Huddur, Ceel Berde, Baidoa, Waajid, Buur Hakaba, Qansaxdhere, Diinsor and Berdaale.
- There is warehouse storage facility in Huddur (48mt) and Baidoa (1220mt).

Road Transport Network Updates:

- A warning has been issued for the Mogadishu-Jowhar and Mogadishu-Marka-Brava roads due to insecurity. Careful planning is required to use the routes.
- The Logistics Cluster reached out to WFP transporters who confirmed that the route between Baidoa and Qansadhere is inaccessible at the moment.
- Mahas is now inaccessible via road. Since there is no airstrip in Mahas, Mahas can only be accessed via helicopter. For the Logistics Cluster to consolidate needs, partners are asked to share transport cargo needs to Mahas.

Air Transport Updates:

- All airstrips are currently accessible
- Increased rainfall in most parts of Somalia has affected road accessibility in Afmadow, Jalalaqsi and Bardale
- Authorities have officially opened the airport in El Wak. The Logistics Cluster relies on a WFP-contracted service provider which is on standby to facilitate airlifts from Mogadishu to El Wak. Partners are expected to share needs to share transport cargo needs for El Wak with the Logistics Cluster for the Logistics Cluster to consolidate needs.
- The Baidoa airport is open until 16:00.

Sea Transport and Airport Updates:

- WFP, in the faculty of Logistics Cluster lead agency, will be providing sea transport services via the MV Zehrah 1 vessel. The Time Charter vessel is no longer used.
- The MV Zehrah 1 vessel accommodates lower cargo tonnage levels allowing for quicker vessel movements.

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• The new vessel will also allow the Logistics Cluster to continue facilitating cargo on behalf of partners on a free-to-user basis, despite the increasing fuel prices.
• MV Zehrah 1 arrived in Berbera on 11th of July. The next port after Berbera is Bosasso followed by Mombasa, Mogadishu and– Berbera. All ports remain operational.
• 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 food commodity and fuel prices in Somaliland, South Somalia and Central Somalia remain stable, prices in Puntland are slightly increasing. In Bandir/Hirshabelle, food commodity and fuel prices are slightly decreasing thanks to an increase in supply on the market.
• Infrastructure: Supply corridors in all regions are active. However, in Central Somalia, the Xinbarwaaga supply corridor is not easily accessible due to the presence of sand on the road. This may increase lead time for transporters who choose to use alternative routes, and might influence transport costs. In addition, the supply corridor in South Somalia between Afmadow and Dhibley is currently impacted by ongoing rains.
• For a detailed report, please reach out to annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org

3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

Information Management
• The updated Roads Access map and Airport Access map (as of 7th of July) have been uploaded on the Logistics Cluster Somalia operation website.

Services
• Thus far in 2022:
  o The Logistics Cluster has supported 11 organizations (CESVI, UNHCR, HAPPEN, IOM, ACF, MOHADM, Gredo, UNICEF, Concern, Save the Children and MOH).
  o The Logistics Cluster transported 1,282.96 mt of cargo (nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health, education, shelter, NFIs and food) to 22 locations (Adado, Afmadow, Baidoa, Belethawa, Beletwoney, Bulo Burte, Burdhubu, Dhibley, Dhusamareb, Diinsor, Dollow, El Wak, El Berde, Galkayo, Garbaharey, Garowe, Huddur, Kismayo, Luuq, Mogadishu, Qansadhere and Wajid).
  o 614.83 mt of cargo has been transport via air, 850.29 mt via road and 120 mt via sea.
• 40% of cargo transportation services are facilitated for the Government, 40% of cargo is facilitated on behalf of NGOs, and 20% of cargo is facilitated on behalf of UN agencies.
• 200 mt of cargo was transported on behalf of five organizations during the month of June 2022. This is the largest amount of cargo transported in a month since the Logistics Cluster’s April 2020 activation.
• Most airlift requests are for transport to the southern region.
• Access remains a concern due to security concerns. This increases dependence on airlifts and increases transportation costs.
Addional Service Discussion

- The Logistics Cluster is currently carrying out an assessment to identify needs for helicopter rotary wings. So far, Mahas and Buurhaka were identified as two potential locations. Partners are expected to indicate need for helicopter access in those two locations.

4. Energy Fuel Prices

Energy Fuel Analysis: Diesel

- The Logistics Cluster continues to conduct fuel assessments on a monthly basis.

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.

Customs Clearance

- The Logistics Cluster is gradually giving more attention to the issue of customs clearance delays for humanitarian cargo, especially in Mogadishu.
- Four partners responded to WFP’s request for information on customs clearance delays. Two organizations are consolidating needs
- Additional inputs from other Logistics Cluster members are required to obtain minimum representation
- The Logistics Cluster has ongoing discussions with four partner organizations
- Overall, data collection on customs clearance delays across Somalia allow the Logistics Cluster to gain a deeper insight into possible challenges and solutions

5. Any Other Business

- Question 1: Is it possible to reach Jowhar from Mogadishu by road?
  - As of now, the road remains open. However, the road from Mogadishu to Jowhar requires careful planning due to rain and increased insecurity
  - Before using the road, partners are asked to reach out to the Logistics Cluster to provide updates on possible changes
- Question 2: How long does the transit with the MV Zehrah 1 vessel take from Mombasa to Mogadishu?
  - The transit time takes around 3 days
  - However, sometimes customs clearance procedures might delay departure
  - Partners to communicate to the Logistics Cluster if there is a need for the Logistics Cluster to consolidate needs
- The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting is on 9 August at 11:00 EAT.
- For all forms of requests (including IM requests) partners are expected to reach out to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

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