LOCATION: Teleconference

DATE: 20 December 2022

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: Action For Humanity (AFH), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), CARE International, Building Fund for Development (BFD), Capacities Assessment Project (ACAPS), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Handicap International (HI), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), John Snow Inc (JSI), Médecins Sans Frontières France (MSF-F), Sans Frontières Belgium (MSF-B), Médecins Sans Frontières Swiss (MSF-S), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Relief International (RI), Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF), Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Yemeni Family Care Association (YFCA), ZOA International.

ACTION POINTS:

• The Logistics Cluster to facilitate the delivery of a Warehouse Management Training in Sanaa and Aden.
• The Logistics Cluster to continue working with Customs Authorities in Aden to facilitate the issuance of importation procedures for humanitarian cargo and conduct training for the humanitarian partners on the customs procedures.

AGENDA:

1. General Logistics Cluster Updates
2. Sea Transport Webinar
3. Importation Procedures & Possibility of Customs Training
4. Logistics Cluster Annual User Satisfaction Survey
5. Logistical Challenges and AOB

1. Logistics Cluster General Update

• The preparations for the warehouse management training in Sanaa and in Aden are ongoing. Sanaa training sessions will be conducted on 16 - 18 January 2023 for 28 participants, subject to securing all approvals. Aden warehouse management training session will be conducted on 23 - 25 January 2023 for 25 participants. Applicants who were not selected for this round of training because of limited seats will be prioritised for the upcoming trainings.

• The warehousing capacity mapping for the humanitarian partners' storage capacity was launched last month by the Logistics Cluster and completed.
• **The 2022 Gaps and Needs Analysis Survey** was shared with the Logistics Cluster partners in December 2022, and so far, 18 responses have been received. The next step will be to approach partners for one-on-one interviews that will be scheduled for January 2023. The outcomes of these interviews will inform the final draft of the Concept of Operations for the Yemen Logistics Cluster in 2023.

• UNHAS is introducing an additional new weekly flight, **every Tuesday, to Ataq (Shabwah Governorate)**, through the following route (Djibouti – Aden – Mukalla – Seyoon – Ataq – Aden). The updated monthly UNHAS flight schedule for January 2023 is published on the Yemen Logistics Cluster website. Bookings to Ataq will be available through UNHAS passenger booking email.

• The Logistics Cluster team visited Aden on 4 and 5 December and had several meetings, including with Yemen Customs Authority, Aden International Airport Authorities, OCHA and humanitarian partners. The main challenge faced by the partners in the South is related to importation procedures for humanitarian cargo into Yemen.

• The Logistics Cluster temperature-sensitive warehouse facility in Aden has good utilisation indicators, which is not the same for the dry warehouse facility. In 2023, Logistics Cluster will work further to **rightsize this warehousing facility** to ensure the effective utilisation of donor funding.

• The Logistics Cluster inputs for the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2023 were submitted to OCHA. Planning assumptions and activities were discussed during the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group meeting. These were presented to the local authorities and main donors during the informal HRP consultation processes as well.

### 2. Sea Transport Webinar

• The Logistics Cluster coordinated with the WFP Shipping unit in Rome (Italy) to deliver a Sea Transport Webinar to the humanitarian partners. The webinar was planned and delivered, as per the earlier request of humanitarian partners expressed through training needs assessment and one-on-one meetings conducted by the Logistics Cluster earlier.

• The main purpose of the Sea Transport Webinar was to explain how humanitarian cargo is shipped from abroad to Yemen, as per WFP experience.

• The Sea Transport Webinar covered the latest updates and trends in the liner shipping business, an overview of the Global Shipping Market, an overview of the transport of humanitarian cargo by sea and the factors that affect it.

• WFP operates a regular feeder vessel (MF Elena) from the port of Jeddah in Saudi Arabia to the port of Hodeidah in Yemen, as no commercial liners operate. This was initially opened to transport food commodities, but later NFIs transport requirements were also embedded. This unique service has been working successfully with no incidents for over three years.

• In 2022, this WFP service transported over 12,300 m³ (or circa 275 sea containers) from various origins on behalf of 10 humanitarian partners.

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- This service is provided on full cost recovery through the WFP Bilateral Service Provision unit.

3. Importation Procedures & Customs Training

- The Logistics Cluster team met with Customs Authorities in Aden and discussed the need to have clearly documented guidelines on the customs required documents for customs clearance of the humanitarian cargo to Yemen. A discussion is ongoing, and the Logistics Cluster team is working together with the Customs Authorities to have customs guidelines issued by the customs authorities.
- As a result of this meeting, the Customs Authorities in Yemen, in coordination with the Logistics Cluster, will conduct a face-to-face training in the Customs Authority premises in Adel in the first quarter of 2023 to go through overall importation procedures. This training will be open for humanitarian partners working in the South.
- Once the training arrangements are completed with the authorities, the Logistics Cluster will approach interested partners for the nomination of their logistics staff who are handling the importation of goods.

4. Logistics Cluster End of Year Performance Feedback Survey

- During the meeting, the Logistics Cluster reminded partners to fill the Logistics Cluster End of Year Performance Feedback Survey that was shared. The survey link was re-shared, and all partners were encouraged to participate in the survey.

5. Logistical challenges and AOB.

- The Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will continue to be held on a monthly basis. The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will be conducted virtually on 19 January 2023.

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