Meeting Minutes, 06 December 2022
Somalia Logistics Cluster

LOCATION   Mogadishu, Online

DATE      06 December 2022

CHAIR        Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Action Against Hunger (AAH), Cardisom, Community Relief Center (CRC), Concern Worldwide, Danish Red Cross (DRC), Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Formal Education Network for Private Schools (FENPS), GREDO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Islamique Relief Somalia, Medair, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Oxfam, Save the Children, Secours Islamique France (SIF), Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCs), Somaushelp Somalia, Trocaire, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO).

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 continue sharing weekly Market Alerts.
- The Logistics Cluster to send invite for the Subnational Coordination meeting in Beletweyne.
- Partners to reach out to the Logistics Cluster with transportation needs to areas which are difficult to reach such as Jalalaqsi, Qansaxdhere and Bulo Burte.

AGENDA
1. Action Points Review
2. Situation Update
3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)
4. Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2023
5. Customs Clearance Technical Working Group Meeting
6. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 22 November 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 monthly reports on fuel prices across Somalia via the Logistics Cluster mailing list and on the Logistics Cluster Website. [Ongoing]

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The Logistics Cluster will start sharing weekly Market Alerts and Supply Chain Updates via the Logistics Cluster mailing list and on the Logistics Cluster Website. [Ongoing]
The Logistics Cluster to publish a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on the Logistics Cluster website on how to access common with the Logistics Cluster. [Completed]
The Logistics Cluster to publish the supplier directory on the Logistics Cluster website. [Completed]
The Logistics Cluster to share the TOR of the Technical Working Group for customs clearance on the Logistics Cluster Website. [Completed]
The Logistics Cluster to organize a subnational coordination meeting in Dollow. [Completed]
The Logistics Cluster to reach out to partners to consolidate needs to transport vehicles from Mogadishu to Baidoa. [Completed]
Partners to reach out with transportation needs from Kenya to Somalia by road. [Completed]

2. Situation Update

Physical Transport Network Updates:
- Currently there is no warning issued for any other roads.

Air Transport Updates:
- All airstrips are currently accessible. However, the following locations are currently only accessible by the helicopter: Qansaxdhere, Jalalaqsi, Bulo Burte
- The airstrip in Berdale is currently only open on the following four days until noon: Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Partners to reach out with transportation needs to areas which are hard to reach including Buurhakaba, Jalalaqsi, Mahas and Qansaxdhere.

Sea Transport Updates:
- All sea ports remain operational: Mogadishu – Berbera – Bosasso – Kismayo – Garacard.
- WFP time-chartered vessel MV Zehrah 1 is currently at sea towards Mogadishu. The vessel is expected to arrive on 9 December 2022. The next port after Mogadishu is Mombasa.
- The new vessel voyage schedule with arrival and departure dates as well as deadlines for submitting documentations will be shared with all partners via email and on the Logistics Cluster website.
- Partners are encouraged to take advantage of the vessel service facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, especially to move cargo from the North to the South, as it is more cost efficient than moving cargo by air.

Relief Materials Pipeline and Sourcing:
- Commodity Prices: The price of imported food items decreased except in Hirshabelle, where the retail price of pasta, rice and sugar increased by 5 per cent, 4 per cent and 2 per cent/kilogram respectively compared to the previous week. In Galmudug, price of vegetable oil increased slightly by 2 per
cent/litre. In Mogadishu, the price of wheat flour, sugar and rice dropped by 11 per cent/kilogram, 10 per cent/kilogram and 2 per cent/kilogram respectively. Vegetable oil dropped by 5 per cent/litre compared to the previous week. In Galmudug, pasta, sugar and wheat flour dropped by 4 per cent/kilogram, 3 per cent/kilogram and 2 per cent/kilogram respectively. In Puntland, rice and wheat flour decreased by 7 per cent/kilogram and 2 per cent/kilogram respectively, while sugar and pasta showed a marginal drop by 1 per cent. In the Southwest, the price of rice and vegetable oil dropped by 4 per cent and 2 per cent respectively. In Jubaland, sugar, pasta and rice dropped by 10 per cent/kilogram, 2 per cent/kilogram and 1 per cent/kilogram respectively, and the price of vegetable oil also dropped by 7 per cent/litre.

- **Availability:** Sufficient stocks are reported to be available in markets across the states. In Wanlaweyn, traders are stocking more food in bulk than usual, as a buffer to anticipate pipeline breaks due to the ongoing rains. Currently, the main markets in the Hiraan region are sourcing stocks from Bossaso port, resulting in some congestion and long queues at the Bossaso port. This congestion at the Bossaso port has resulted in slight delays in supply of wheat flour, rice and pasta to Laasqoray and Eyl markets.

- **Market resilience:** The supply chain resilience was reported to be good in most of the markets across the states, except in Qansaxdhere and Hudur.

- **Border and Supply Chain:** The function of trade logistics was normal, including the flow of commodities into Somalia through crossborder points from Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti. Most of the roads were accessible and transport services functioned normally except for the supply route from Dhoble - Afmadow to Kismayo town which was inaccessible due to stagnant water from recent Deyr rains hindering the movement of trucks to neighboring towns.

- The Logistics Cluster is sharing weekly Market Alerts and Supply Chain Updates via the Logistics Cluster mailing list and on the Logistics Cluster Website. Partners are requested to reach out to the Logistics Cluster to be added to the Logistics Cluster emailing list.

### 3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

**Mogadishu Subnational Coordination Meeting**

- The Logistics Cluster is planning to hold the next two Subnational Logistics Cluster Coordination meetings in Dollow and Beletweyn. The Subnational Coordination meeting in Dollow is scheduled for 12 December, while the Subnational Coordination Meeting in Beletweyn is scheduled for 21 December.

- The purpose of the Logistics Cluster Subnational Coordination meetings in Dollow and Beletweyn is to identify and map NGOs and other agencies’ needs for logistics support in Juba, Hiiran and Shbelle regions.

- The invite for the Subnational Coordination meeting in Dollow has been sent to all partners. The invite for the Subnational Coordination meeting in Beletweyn will be shared the latest by 13 December.

- Partners to reach out with other suggested regions for the Logistics Cluster to conduct Subnational Coordination meetings.

- Partners can join the Logistics Cluster Subnational Coordination meetings both in person or online.

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Services

- Thus far in 2022, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transport of 1406 mt (excluding shunting) by road, sea and air to 30 locations on behalf of 15 organizations.
- From 1 to 30 November, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the delivery of approximately 139 mt of cargo by road, air and sea to 6 locations on behalf of 7 organizations.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to support the humanitarian community in reaching hard-to-reach locations. In cooperation with UNHAS and other service providers, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of approximately 50 mt to four hard-to-reach locations: Buurhakaba, Jalalaqsi, Mahas and Qansaxdhore.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to participate in key decision-making forums on behalf of the humanitarian community. In October, the Logistics Cluster attended the weekly DOCC and ICCG meetings.
- The majority of requests for airlifts are for transport to the southern regions.
- Access remains a concern due to insecurity. This is creating high dependency on airlifts, increasing the cost of transportation.

Information Management

- Thus far in 2022, the Logistics Cluster has published 98 information management Products on the Logistics Cluster Website.

4. Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2023

Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

- The Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) is a document consolidated by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) on behalf of the Humanitarian Country Team and the partners.
- The Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) is the presentation of a coordinated and strategic response conceived by humanitarian organizations to meet the acute needs of people affected by the emergency.
- It is based on the evidence of the needs described in the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO).

Logistics Cluster Objectives:

- In 2023, the Logistics Cluster endeavour to continue supporting the scale-up of logistics services coordination and information management services on behalf of the humanitarian community in response to the ongoing drought.
- The Logistics Cluster will prioritize its resources in 2023 to serve partners targeting the most affected population through facilitating the provision of common services.
- The Logistics Cluster, in collaboration with IMPACCT, will continue to coordinate the Import and Customs Clearance Technical Working Group to unite efforts and advocate for reduced delays.
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to provide partners with timely information on available logistics resources and access, ensuring the logistics gaps are captured intersectoral discussions and access is mapped and published on the Logistics Cluster Website.
The Logistics Cluster will continue air transport services and operational support to ensure efficient and timely delivery and assistance in the country, in particular in hard-to-reach areas and drought affected locations.

**Logistics Cluster Response Strategy:**
- The Logistics Cluster aims to meet, based on demand, the needs of all partners responding in Somalia. In terms of modalities of service provision, the Logistics Cluster will continue to leverage on the existing capabilities and logistics resources of WFP to ensure support to humanitarian partners.
- National and Subnational Coordination meetings will be held with partners as often as required in order to share operational information and streamline the response.

**Logistics Cluster Required Budget:**
- The total required budget for the Logistics Cluster for 2023 is 29,601,551 $ whereof 19,816,560 $ are required for UNHAS and 9,784,991 $ for the Logistics Cluster’s activities (coordination, information management, and facilitation of access to common logistics services).

### 5. Customs Clearance Technical Working Group Meeting

- The Logistics Cluster, in cooperation with IMPACCT, is organizing its third technical working group meeting this Wednesday, 14 December from 11:00 am to 12:00 am EAT.
- The purpose of the next meeting is to continue to map the end-to-end process to import and export humanitarian cargo in Somalia and start drafting recommendations on areas of attention.
- The most recent meeting was held on 23 November. During the meeting, the technical working group started to map out the constraints and key stakeholders involved in the import and customs clearance processes. Partners interested in joining the technical working group are encouraged to reach out to annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org

### 6. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster will meet again on the **20 December at 11:00 am EAT**. All requests (including IM requests) to be directed to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

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