
LOCATION	Mogadishu, Online
DATE	14 February 2023
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Action Against Hunger (AAH), Concern Worldwide, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Danish Red Cross (DRC), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), GREDO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Medair, Somaushelp Somalia, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Oxfam, Secours Islamique France (SIF), Save the Children, Trocaire, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), World Vision.
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics Cluster to continue to share updates on access restrictions.• Logistics Cluster to continue to share updates on fuel prices.• Logistics Cluster to start sharing weekly Market Alerts.• Logistics Cluster will conduct an assessment to evaluate the average price for storing food and other commodities in warehouses across Somalia.• The Logistics Cluster to share key messages/action points of other clusters in the bi-weekly Logistics Cluster Coordination meetings.• The Logistics Cluster to support with emergency preparedness trainings for partners in 2023.• The Logistics Cluster, in cooperation with IMPACCT, to organize the next technical working group meeting on Import and Customs Clearance on 01 March.• The Logistics Cluster to conduct an assessment of the price range of rented vehicles.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Action Points Review2. Situation Update3. Common Service Planning4. Sea Transport5. Emergency Preparedness and Response Training6. Customs Clearance Technical Working Group7. ICGG Action Points8. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 31 January 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 the [Logistics Cluster Website](#). **[Ongoing]**
- 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 conduct an assessment to evaluate the average price for storing food and other commodities in different regions across Somalia. **[Not started]**
- The Logistics Cluster to share key messages/action points of the ICCG in the bi-weekly Logistics Cluster Coordination meetings. **[Ongoing]**
- The Logistics Cluster to support emergency response preparedness trainings for partners in 2023. **[Ongoing]**
- The Logistics Cluster, in cooperation with IMPACCT, to organize the technical working group meetings on Import and Customs Clearance. **[Ongoing]**
- The Logistics Cluster to conduct an assessment of the price range of rented vehicles. **[Ongoing]**

2. Situation Update

Physical Transport Network Updates:

- Physical access across Somalia remains unchanged. The following roads remain closed or inaccessible: (1) Kismayo-Afmadow-Qoqani-Dobley (2) Kismayo-Bardere-Baidoa (3) Baidoa-Dollow (4) Jowhar–Jalalaqsi (5) Jalalaqsi–Buulobarde–Beletweyne (6) Brava–Jilib (7) Mogadishu–Buurhakaba–Baidoa (8) Galkayo–Bacaadweyne–South Mudug and (9) Mogadishu–Jowhar.
- Currently, there is no warning issued for any other roads.

Air Transport Updates:

- All airstrips are currently accessible.
- The airstrip in Berdale is currently only open on the following days until noon: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- Partners can reach out to the Logistics Cluster via somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org to share their transportation needs, particularly in areas that are hard to reach, including Buurhakaba, Jalalaqsi, Mahas and Qansaxdhere.

Sea Transport Updates:

- All seaports remain operational: Mogadishu, Berbera, Bosasso, Kismayo and Garacard.

- WFP time-chartered vessel MV Zehrah 1 is currently at Mogadishu seaport. The vessel is expected to depart today on 14 February 2023. The next port after Mogadishu is Mombasa.
- The vessel voyage schedule with arrival and departure dates and deadlines for submitting documentation will be shared with all partners via email and published 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.

How partners can access WFP sea transport

- To make use of WFP sea transport, partners need to sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with WFP. Partners who are interested in signing an SLA are requested to reach out to the Logistics Cluster operational team via Somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org
- Once partners have signed an SLA with WFP, partners need to register on the Service Marketplace to submit requests for cargo movement via sea. Partners need to submit required documentation including packing list, commercial invoice and certificate of origin.
- Partners are encouraged to reach out with questions regarding sea transport to the Logistics Cluster via Somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

Relief Materials Pipeline and Sourcing:

For further reference and information, below is a summary of WFP's weekly analysis:

- **Commodity Prices:** Overall, imported food items and local cereals exhibited mixed trends except in Somaliland, where prices have remained unchanged for four consecutive weeks. In the capital Mogadishu, prices of rice and sugar increased by 8% and 6% respectively per kg. Vegetable oil prices decreased by 5%, 4%, and 1% in Puntland, Galmudug and Jubaland respectively per litre, while the prices remained unchanged in Mogadishu, Hirshabelle and Southwest. Wheat flour prices increased by 5%, 3%, and 1% in Galmudug, Puntland and Southwest per kg respectively compared to the last week.
- **Availability:** All markets assessed across Somalia were reported to have adequate supplies of essential food items to meet existing demand, with shops being stocked with key food items. As a result of the ongoing conflict in Laascaanood town, civilians started to migrate to different locations. Therefore, it is anticipated that the availability of food commodities might be affected in Laascaanood and the surrounding markets where people moved if supply does not meet the increasing demand.
- **Market resilience:** Generally, the supply chain's resilience was reported as 'good' in most regions except in areas under insurgent control, mostly in Southwest and Jubaland states. Nonetheless, merchants have been using alternative means to transport supplies to the affected locations at night to avoid exposure to danger. Many wholesalers and importers also have devised ways to respond to supply chain shocks when faced with logistical difficulties.
- **Border and Supply Chain:** Most of the trade corridors are passable with minimal disruptions or challenges apart from areas with insurgents, such as routes in Southwest and Jubaland. Despite the security/access challenges in insurgent dominant areas, traders have devised methods of ensuring key

commodities are delivered to the main markets. This has been witnessed in locations where there are Cash Based Interventions e-voucher programmes.

- The Logistics Cluster is sharing weekly Market Alerts, and Supply Chain Updates via the Logistics Cluster mailing list and publishing the documents on the [Logistics Cluster Website](#). Partners wishing to be added to the Logistics Cluster mailing list can send a request to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org.

3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

Coordination

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated its fifth technical working group meeting in cooperation with IMPACCT on 18 January. The last meeting attained seven participating organisations: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Importation and Customs Clearance Together (IMPACCT), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Medecins Sans Frontiers (MSF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Programme (WFP). During the meeting, the technical working group continued the mapping of the constraints in the end-to-end process. The group is meeting again on 15 February 2023 to continue to draft recommendation for the arrival, on-arrival and post-arrival process. Once these recommendations are drafted they will be shared with the authorities for further discussion and potential improvement.
- Furthermore, the Logistics Cluster continues to advocate, with the support of OCHA, donors and other key stakeholders, for the reopening of the Kenya-Somalia border as a key enabling factor to enable cost-effective delivery of life-saving food and non-food items (NFIs) to key areas affected by the drought, such as Balet Hawa, Ceel Waak, Dhobley and Dollow.
- Finally, the Logistics Cluster seeks to utilize its experience, expertise and wide network of partners to strengthen national logistics capacity and promote a shared methodology towards logistics preparedness in 2023. As a result, the Logistics Cluster facilitated its first ‘Preparedness and Capacity Strengthening’ workshop on 08 February to identifying current capacity gaps and needs of partners in Somalia and how the Logistics Cluster can support in strengthening these capacities. 13 partners from different humanitarian organizations joined this meeting. The following points were highlighted:
 - There is a need for refresher training covering the following topics: (1) Importation and Customs Processes (2) Handling and Storing of Humanitarian Cargo including cold storage and (3) Stock Management.
 - As a second step, it was suggested that the Logistics Cluster conduct assessments in various field locations to identify the needs and gaps on the field level.
 - Finally, the need to provide trainings and capacity strengthening for both government officials and humanitarian organizations was also highlighted.

As a next step, the Logistics Cluster will share a survey with all the partners to obtain more detailed information on identified gaps and trainings required. Once the survey is finalized, the Logistics Cluster, in cooperation with the partners, will develop a road map/action plan for the 2023 preparedness project.

Common Logistics Services

- Since 2020, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transport of over 4,220mt of cargo (excluding shunting) on a free-to-user basis for 28 organizations.
- In 2023, 199 mt of supplies (excluding shunting) were transported to 9 locations on behalf of 12 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 240 mt between September and December 2022 to 6 hard-to-reach locations: Afmadow, Beletweyne, Buurhakaba, Jalalaqsi, Mahas and Qansaxdhere. Currently, the majority of requests for airlifts are for transport to the southern regions.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to participate in crucial decision-making forums on behalf of the humanitarian community. The Logistics Cluster continuously attended the weekly Drought Operations and Coordination Centre (DOCC) and Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) meetings.
- Access remains a concern due to insecurity, especially in areas under the control of non-state armed actors. This is creating a high dependency on airlifts, increasing the cost of transportation.

Information Management

- Throughout January 2022, the Logistics Cluster published 10 information management products, including meeting minutes, maps and situation updates on the [Somalia Logistics Cluster operation website](#).

4. ICCG Action Points

- Cluster to provide inputs to the Laascaanood Response Plan.
- ICCG members to provide inputs to the proposed IASC scale up strategic priorities and benchmarks
- ICCG members to provide feedback on the Inter-Cluster Mission Planner and SOPs by the end of this week, Thursday, 16 February 2023.
- ICCG members to share any questions and comments that should be discussed and addressed with the JIAF Team in advance of the meeting on Thursday, 16 February.
- OCHA and CCCM Cluster to work with Centre for Humanitarian Data to finalize the data sharing SOPs before the next ICCG meeting on Sunday, 19 February 2023.

6. AOB

- All requests (including IM requests) to be directed to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will take place on 28 February at 11:00 am EAT, online

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