Meeting Minutes, 24 July 2023

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CHAIR  The Logistics Cluster

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AGENDA

1. Logistics Cluster General Updates.
2. Information Management Updates.
3. Hodeidah port updates.
4. Logistics Cluster services.
5. Warehouse Capacity Mapping.
7. Questions from partners, AOB.

1. Logistics Cluster General Update

a. Yemen - UNHAS - Flight Schedule, August 2023: UNHAS August 2023 flight itineraries are presently available in Logistics Cluster website, and the Logistic Cluster will maintain it updated, in case of any potential changes.

b. Coordination meeting minutes have been published in the Logistics Cluster website with both languages English and Arabic.

c. Yemen Access Constraint map has been updated on 11July 2023. The map indicates the road networks which are open, difficult to access, and inaccessible roads, to assist partners in supply chain related plannings. Partners can refer to the Yemen Access Constraint map for more information.

d. Coordination and information management remain an integral part of the Logistics Cluster mandate: The Logistics Cluster conducts monthly coordination meetings and interfaces with the wider humanitarian
community through participation in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), the Inter-Cluster coordination Mechanism (ICCM), and the Humanitarian Access Working Group (HAWG).

e. The Logistics Cluster also maintains a Yemen Logistic Cluster Operation webpage for logistical updates, maps, and standard operating procedures (SOPs).

f. The Logistics Clusters supported 60 organisations for the first half of 2023, including 38 INGOs, 10 national NGOs (NNGOs), and 12 UN agencies.

2. Information Management Updates:

2.1 South-North Corridor:

- Mainly, there are four landside ports connecting road cargo transport pipelines between the South and North of Country. Fardat Nehm, Alrahedah, Afar, and Saqam; currently Fardat Nehm, Alrahedah, and Afar are open, while the fourth access port of Saqam is closed.

- In beginning of June 2023, a new customs clearance procedure was applied at the northern side of the landside access points, requiring overland transporters of shipments from South of Country to North of Country to sign a pledge for transporting their future cargoes through Hodeidah port instead of Aden port.

2.2 Aviation

2.2.1 Humanitarian - UNHAS

- International Flights: UNHAS is performing 6 flights per week from Sana’a Int’l Airport towards Amman, Addis Ababa, & Djibouti, for passenger & a very limited cargo (up to 100-200 MT only).
  And from Aden Airport, 3 flights per week are performed for Passenger & also a limited quantity of cargo to Djibouti Airport.

- Domestic: Aden – 6 flights/week to Sana’a, Marib, Alrayyan, Sayon.

2.2.2 WCommercial – Yemenia Airlines

- International Flights: Sana’a Airport: the number of Yemenia international flights from Sana’a Airport to Amman has been reduced from six to three flights per week.

- Aden Airport: Three flights/week for Passengers only with destinations: 2 to Amman and 1 to Cairo.
  On 20 July 2023, Yemenia Airlines resumed domestic commercial flights, with itinerary: Aden, Rayyan and Al-Ghaydah, for first time after nearly 8 years of suspension.

2.3 Catastrophic Oil Spill Prevention

- The 47 year old decaying FSO SAFER tanker is located 9 NM off coast of Ras Issa port on the Western coasts of Hodeidah Governorate in Red Sea, with 1.14 million barrels, equivalent to 140,000-160,000 MT of crude oil.

- The anticipated damage impact of the oil spill is expected to affect 17 million people through the loss of 200,000 of livelihoods. It is estimated that the oil spill would need USD 20 billion for cleaning up over a period of 25 years.
2.4 General Update

- In the last week of June 2023, thirteen vehicles and trucks along with their cargoes were swept away by the torrents in Wadi al-Dhabab, the alternative road between the governorates of Lahj and Taiz.
- On 11 July, torrential rains flowed from Al-Abous Mountains, south of Haifan district, blocking the road linking the governorates of Lahj and Taiz to Wadi Maaden.
- On 19 July, a crash occurred between 2 locomotives carrying fuel derivatives, LPG and Gasoil, at Lamtar area, Al-Rawdha district, in Shabwa Governorate, leading to outbreak of fire causing death of two people and the injury of one person.

3. Hodeidah Port Updates:

3.1 Chartered Vessels Called Hodeidah in 2023

- 18 chartered vessels called Hodeidah in July with overall quantity of 309,898 MT, and 171 vessels called Hodeidah since the beginning of the year 2023 with overall quantity of 3,206,469 MT.
- 32 chartered vessels with newly allowed items called Hodeidah port, with overall quantity of 358,512 MT.
- 15 chartered vessels with newly allowed items called Saleef port, with overall quantity of 552,875 MT.
- 5 container vessels called Hodeidah in July with overall quantity of 2128 container, and 23 container vessels called Hodeidah since the beginning of the year 2023 with overall quantity of 9,296 container.

3.2 Time at Anchorage and Alongside Berth

- Logistics Cluster Analysis and Insights:
  - The waiting time increased in March and April, due to the increase occurred in the number of vessels that called Hodeidah port following the resumption of the commercial containerized lines and chartered vessels with newly allowed construction materialstarted to call Hodeidah. Another factor that contributed to the increase of the wating time in March and April was the reduction of the Port working hours schedule during holy month of Ramadan.
  - Dwell time increased in June 2023, due to summer high temperature in Hodeidah and its effect on the performance of stevedores and port labours.
  - The Logistics Cluster will provide their analysis for vessel waiting and dwell timings in July.

3.3 Way Forward:

- Security verification of the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism for Yemen (UNVIM) remains required in Djibouti port for commercial feeders (containerized ships) heading towards Hodeidah port The average time of physical security verification in Djibouti remains within ten days.
- WFP’s time-chartered container vessel, MV Elena, will continue its normal operations, to ensure uninterrupted supply chain business continuity for WFP and other humanitarian partners using this service.

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4. Logistics Cluster Services

4.1 Common storage: Common storage is intended for short-term storage of humanitarian cargo. The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to storage facilities in Aden (2,100 m², including 600 m² of temperature-controlled and cold chain storage). The Logistics Cluster also facilitates access to mobile storage units (MSUs), with 15 MSUs on loan to 7 partners.


4.3 Air cargo transport: The Logistics Cluster maintains ad-hoc contingency response capabilities. These include prepositioning essential non-food items and standby contractual arrangements for rapid air transport from Dubai to Sana’a and Aden. The Ad-hoc airlift service is strictly intended for the transport of urgent life-saving items and commodities in accordance with the priorities set by the HCT and will only be activated on request in the event of a rapid-onset emergency.

5. Warehouse Capacity Mapping

The Logistics Cluster express their sincere appreciation to all partners who generously shared their inputs regarding their warehouse's capacity mapping. The Logistics Cluster is grateful for the partners’ willingness to contribute to the collective knowledge and understanding of Cluster operations.

The Logistics Cluster acknowledge that not all partners have the ability to share their vacant storage space, but emphasized that partners should continue to provide information on storage capacity.

- Overall humanitarian storage capacity in country:
  - 188,608 m² is the overall humanitarian warehouse capacity.
  - 38,518 m² is overall humanitarian vacant storage space within the country.
  - 3,392 m² Is the vacant and sharable warehouses space.


- The Global Logistics Cluster, with the support of a coalition of humanitarian partner organizations - Danish Refugee Council (DRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Save the Children International (SCI), and the World Food Programme (WFP), have come together to develop the Waste Management Measuring, Reverse Logistics, Environmentally Sustainable Procurement and Transport, and Circular Economy (WREC) Project. The project aims to produce harmonized guidance on waste management and greenhouse gas emissions, increase knowledge and awareness in the humanitarian community about green logistics, and support practitioners in environmental impact reduction, with a special focus on sustainable field-based solutions.

- The WREC Project is bringing together humanitarian partners, private sector stakeholders, and academia to make sure that today’s life-saving activities don’t have unintended environmental impacts that need cleaning up tomorrow. As part of this, the Global Logistics Cluster plays an active role in

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coordinating and collaborating with those leading complementary initiatives to ensure that this information is both available and contextualized for field-level practitioners’ use.

- **WREC project goals:**
  - Focus on waste & greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Increase knowledge and awareness across the community.
  - Support practitioners in impact reduction.
  - Reach hundreds of Logistics Cluster and project partners.

- **WREC Project Activities:**
  - Gather and share data on the impact of logistics on the environment, raising awareness and presenting practical solutions to allow organisations to prioritize environmental sustainability compliance, collate and share guidance on how to mitigate environmental harm, using a single information portal accessible to all.
  - Focus on waste and greenhouse gas, amplifying good practice case studies and identifying local, affordable, and scalable solutions. Map and share complimentary initiatives.
  - Provide expert knowledge and guidance, through a dedicated help desk accessible to the entire Humanitarian community.

- **Workshops and coordination:**
  - So far, the WREC coordinated over 15 information sessions on environmental sustainability in humanitarian supply chains, both in person and online, publishing over 100 resources on the WREC portal. You can learn more [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/yem10a). Future webinars will be based on the WREC thematic areas and feedback from partners on identified gaps including: circular economy, reverse logistics, waste management, greenhouse gas emissions.

- **Waste management and recycling assessments:**
  - The WREC is mapping waste management and recycling capacity in countries where humanitarian operations take place, with the support of the Joint Initiative. A dedicated LogIE map is available on the WREC platform, to access key information on local companies offering waste management and/or recycling services.

- **Training and resources:**
  - The WREC is developing an environmental sustainability in humanitarian logistics e-learning module which will be incorporated into the GLC’s extensive training portfolio. The WREC module will provide users with a basic understanding of key environmental sustainability topics and will be a mandatory pre-requisite course for other training, such as the LRT, Gear.UP, and LCI.

- **LCA Platform:**
  - The Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) tool contains information about the logistics capacity of countries relevant for humanitarian emergency preparedness and response. The tool is hosted by WFP for the global humanitarian community. The WREC project team has developed a waste management
and recycling infrastructure mapping template and country waste management data collection tool, embedding a LogIE map on the WREC website.

- **Mid-term Survey on Sustainable Supply Chains:**
  - Baseline survey findings available [here](#).
  - Mid-term survey launched in April 2023 to inform level of awareness on WREC topics, and request feedback from partner community on gaps and needs, to inform future targeted activities.

**7. Questions/Enquiries from partners:**

- The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is recently encountering administrative challenges in moving shipments to northern region of Country.
- MSF Swiss shared with partners that it is looking to sell a generator model “FGwillson-30KVA”. Interested partners can contact the agency directly via the email: [msfch-yemen-supplyco@geneva.msf.org](mailto:msfch-yemen-supplyco@geneva.msf.org).
- MSF Swiss shared with partners that it is looking for Mosquito Nets and one Tent. Partners with these items can reach the agency via the email: [msfch-yemen-supplyco@geneva.msf.org](mailto:msfch-yemen-supplyco@geneva.msf.org).

*The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will be held virtually in August 2023.*

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