Current Context

- **Conflict**: conflict continues to be a major contributing factor to humanitarian needs in Somalia, with the Central and Southern regions of Somalia being particularly affected. Most of the affected population lives in hard-to-reach areas and complex logistics operations (which are mostly carried out by air) are required to facilitate the transport of humanitarian assistance.

- **Floods**: Somalia suffers from river floods that occur along the Juba and Shabelle rivers in southern Somalia, as well as more common flash floods that occur along the intermittent streams in the northern part of the country.

- **In numbers**: 8.25 million people are currently in need of humanitarian assistance. 2.01 million people are estimated to be affected by conflict, cholera and floods.

Operational Highlights

Coordination

- The Logistics Cluster convened two national Logistics Cluster coordination meetings on 4 and 18 July 2023, and a subnational coordination meeting in Mogadishu on 5 July.

- The Logistics Cluster, in collaboration with IMPACCT, remains at the forefront of leading the import and customs clearance technical working group.

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating cross-border movement by road from Kenya to locations in southern Somalia. The next planned cross-border movement is scheduled for August 2023.

Information Management

- Throughout July 2023, the Logistics Cluster published ten information products, including meeting minutes, maps and situation updates on the operational website. The key products were:
  - Meeting minutes from the Logistics Cluster National Coordination meetings, which were held on 4 July and 18 July.
  - The monthly operation overview for June 2023, providing an overview of key Logistics Cluster highlights under Coordination, Information Management and Common Services.
  - The monthly infographics summarising key achievements of the Logistics Cluster in June 2023 (metric tonnes transported, number of Information Management published, number of locations reached etc.)
  - The weekly joint market and supply chain updates covering the weeks from 18-24 June, 25 June-01 July, 02-08 July, 09-15 July, and 16-22 July. This document, developed by WFP, monitors the market price variations among different products across different regions (42 locations), providing analytical insights to humanitarian logisticians.
The monthly fuel report for June 2023, a document that analyses the trends in fuel prices across the various regions and also provides an overview of the evolution of jet fuel prices.

The sea transport schedule with the lastest information regarding vessel arrivals and departures. This schedule was published on 3 July.

In addition to the regular weekly and monthly reports, the Logistics Cluster is presently revising the Concept Note of Operations (ConOps). This ConOps serves the purpose of a well-defined and all-encompassing strategy that outlines the Logistics Cluster’s operational framework for the upcoming year. The preliminary draft has been finalized and is prepared for dissemination among volunteer partners, inviting their feedback and comments. Following the feedback from partners, the ConOps will be submitted to WFP HQ for the final review and approval before posted on the Logistics Cluster website.

Finally, in order to optimize the Log.ie mapping efforts, the Logistics Cluster has initiated a comprehensive revision process. As a component of the Log.ie enhancement, the Logistics Cluster will soon launch a Log.ie update exercise focusing on the following aspects:

- Identification of additional required roads
- Enhancement of port operation monitoring
- Streamlining of border crossing monitoring

Common Logistics Services

- In July 2023, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 232 mt by air of humanitarian cargo (Food Security, Health, Nutrition, and Wash) to 7 destinations (Afmadow, Baidoa, Baardhere, Diinsor, Dollow, Galkayo, and Huddur), supporting a total of 9 organizations.
- Since the mobilization of the helicopter in September 2022, the Logistics Cluster successfully facilitated the transport of 150 mt on behalf of 6 partners to 4 hard to reach locations: Burhakaba, Jalalaqsi, Mahas and Qansaxdhore. However, with the reduced funding stemming from the operation’s downsizing, the Logistics Cluster is unable to sustain the helicopter operation.

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