Meeting Minutes, 30 August 2023
YEMEN

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CHAIR  Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS  Action Contre La Faim (ACF), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Building Foundation for Development International (BFD), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Handicap International (HI), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mercy Corps, Médecins Sans Frontières Swiss (MSFCH), Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium (MSF OCB), Médecins Sans Frontières Holland (MSF OCA), The National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response (NFDHR), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Relief International (RI), Recourse Islamique, Rodekors, Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Rodekors, World Food Programme (WFP), War Child, World Health Organisation (WHO).

AGENDA  
1. General Logistics Cluster Update.
2. Seaport Operations.
3. Overland Transport
4. Aviation.
5. General IM Updates.

1. Logistics Cluster General Update

- The new Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) and Concept of Operation (ConOps) reports are now available on Logistics Cluster website.
- The updated Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Storage Services 2023 published on Logistics Cluster website.
- UNHAS - Flight Schedule, September 2023: UNHAS September 2023 flight itineraries are presently available in Logistics Cluster website, and Logistic Cluster will maintain it updated, in case of any potential changes.
- The Minutes of July Coordination meeting have been published in Logistics Cluster website in both English and Arabic languages.
- Yemen Access Constraints map has been updated on 21st of August 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.
- 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).

2. Seaport Operations

2.1 **Entries to Hodeidah, Saleef, and Aden Ports in the month of August 2023:**

- **Hodeidah Port:** 17 commercial chartered vessels with overall quantity of 394 KMT, and 1 Humanitarian chartered vessel carrying 30KMT of bulk wheat.
- **Saleef Port:** 7 commercial chartered vessels with overall quantity of 200 KMT, and 1 Humanitarian chartered vessel carrying 30KMT of bulk wheat.
- **Aden:** 10 commercial chartered vessels with overall quantity of 151 KMT, and 3 Humanitarian chartered vessels with overall quantity of 46 KMT.

2.2 **Entries to Hodeidah, Saleef, and Aden Ports during 2023 (from January – August):**

- **Saleef Port:** 47 commercial chartered vessels with overall quantity of 1.7 million MT, and 3 Humanitarian chartered vessels carrying 90 KMT.
- **Hodeidah Port:** 181 commercial chartered vessels with overall quantity of 3.4 million MT, and 14 Humanitarian chartered vessels carrying 240 KMT.
  
  In addition to 27 commercial container vessels with 22,391 containers onboard, and 10 humanitarian container vessels carrying 3,453 containers onboard.
- **Aden Port:** 71 commercial chartered vessels with an overall quantity of 1.4 million MT, and 7 Humanitarian chartered vessels with an overall quantity of 343 KMT.

2.3 **Waiting & Dwell Times:**

- **Hodeidah Port:** till 29 August, dwell time remains within normal average of 6 days however, waiting time at anchorage increased to 10 days average due to increase in number of vessels arrived Hodeidah anchorage in August.
- **Saleef Port:** Average waiting time increased in August to 29 days which is normal in Saleef port, due to the limited number of berths and deep waters, the port usually receives big ships with high deadweights and draft, and sometimes one vessel can block the berth for one complete day.
- **Aden port:** there is no congestion in Adn port nowadays, hence average waiting time in August is one day, and average dwell time is 5 days.

2.4 **FSO Safer:**

The pumping of the 1.14 million barrels of light crude oil from the FSO Safer to the replacement tanker, Yemen, started on 25 July and lasted for 18 days before it was completed on 11 August.

Next Step: Delivery of a specialized buoy to which the Yemen will be tethered, followed by the towing and scrapping of the Safer. The UN still requires USD 12 million to finish the operation.

**General update:**

A.P. MOLLER MAERSK resumes sea transport services from all ports to Hodeida Port, via Djibouti Port, that was effective 07 August 2023.

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On 23 July, YRSPC-Yemen Red Sea Ports Corporation issued circular pertaining to priority in berthing vessels carrying food items at Hodeidah and Saleef ports, with additional fees of 15,000USD/day or part of day along with providing undertaking latter for 50% extra daily discharge rate. Additional fees are applied for commercial vessels only.

On 29 July, another circular was issued by YRSPC-Yemen Red Sea Ports Corporation stating that “In line with Minister of Transport instructions to give berthing priority to ships of wheat and rice in Hodeidah and Saleef ports for one month to achieve supply stability”.

UNVIM security verification remains required in Djibouti port for commercial container ships heading towards Hodeidah port; the average time of physical security verification in Djibouti maintains within ten days.

**Maritime Navigation Update:**

- Collision of two vessels (BW LEMSES with Singapore flag carrying LNG, and BURRY with Cayman Islands flag carrying oil) occurred at the Suez Canal on 22 August, at 20:40 GMT, led to the cessation of navigation in the Suez Canal for 6 hours before floating vessels on 23 August at 02:00 am GMT.
- 23 August, malfunction of a crude oil tanker at Bosphorus Strait, which connects black sea with Mermarah Sea, causing suspension of maritime navigation in Bosphorus Strait on that date.
- Due to forest fires, the Turkish authorities suspended of the navigation in Dardanelles Strait for two days, from 21-23 August 2023.

### 3. Overland Transport

#### 3.1 Main South – North Access Points:

- Mainly, there are four access points connecting road transport pipeline between south and north of country, Fardat Nehm, Alrahedah, Afar, and Saqam; currently all the four access points are open.
- DFA increases the tax fees and other revenues on all imported goods transported to northern region of Yemen through land ports, with rate of 100%, and increases customs duties with 50% of the total customs value of all imported goods, whether they are imported to South of Yemen through land or seaports.
- The new procedures, applied in DFA areas, of obtaining chamber of commerce approval and signing a pledge for transporting through Hodeidah port, in future, i/o Aden port, remain unchanged.

#### 3.2 General update:

Implantation of project of rehabilitating the difficult to access road which is connecting Ataq with Beihan, in Markha District, has completed yesterday, the 19 August 2023.

On 24 August, tragic accident of a fuel truck occurred in Sana’a – Bani Mater road, causing blockage of Sana’a-Hodeidah road for few hours.

### 4. Aviation

#### 4.1 Humanitarian – UNHAS

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➢ 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). 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, Al Rayyan, Sayon.

4.2 Commercial – Yemenia Airlines
➢ International Flights: Sana’a Int’l Airport: One destination - Amman.
➢ Aden Int’l Airport: Several destinations - Amman, Djibouti, Cairo, Addis Ababa, Mumbai, Riyadh, and Jeddah.
➢ Seiyun Airport: One destination - Cairo.

4.3 General Update:
Yemenia Airways purchased two new A320 Airbus Passenger Aircrafts. The final purchase agreement was signed with Vueling on 25 August, as well the registration procedures of one aircraft was finalized on 25 August, after completion of the aircrafts inspection which took place in Lithuania. The first aircraft landed in August at Dubai Airport and shall join the company’s fleet within upcoming few days, while the second aircraft is expected to arrive Yemen by end of September 2023.

5. General Information Management Updates
The recent import banning of goods with origin of Sweden, Denmark, and Netherlands, to north of Yemen, remains unchanged.

Rise in prices of gasoline and diesel occurred on 16 August, in Aden and southern cities of Yemen, as per the following:
➢ The new price of gasoline is YER 1,100/litre.
➢ The new price of diesel is YER 1,350/litre.

N.B. The most recent rise in price of gasoline occurred on 27 July, from YER 1,020/litre to YER 1,065/litre.DFA YGC-Yemen Gas Company issued an official statement for reduction in LPG sale prices, effective 30 July.
➢ LPG sale price via company’s agents is 5,500 YER per 20L cylinder.
➢ LPG sale price at fuel stations and to commercial sectors is 325 YER/L and 6,500 YER/20L cylinder.
➢ Price of the LPG prior to the issuance of the recent statement was 350 YER/L and 7,000 YER/20L cylinder.

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

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