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CHAIR  Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS  Action Against Hunger (AAH), Catholic Relief Service, Concern Worldwide, Finland Church Aid, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Gredo, International Committee of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (ICRC), International NGO Safety Organ (INSO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Islamic Relief Somalia, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Medair, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Oxfam, Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), Save the Children, Secours Islamique France (SIF), Somaus Help Inclusion, Trocaire, United Nation Higher Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization, World Vision.

ACTION POINTS

• The Logistics Cluster team will conduct Gaps and Needs face-to-face interviews with selected partners to assess logistics gaps and required support.

• The Logistics Cluster team, on behalf of the Somalia Bureau of Standards and UNICEF cordially invites partners to participate in the Bureau of Standards awareness training next week.

• The Logistics Cluster will set up a humanitarian Hub in Baidoa and operationalize the second helicopter in Baidoa by the end of next week.

• The Logistics Cluster to provide a detailed update on the Humanitarian Needs Response Plan (HNRP) 2024 in the next few weeks.

AGENDA

1. Action Points Review
2. Situation Update
3. Logistics Cluster Boats Network
4. Gaps and Needs Analysis
5. Humanitarian Logistics Hub
6. Bureau of Standards Customs workshop
7. Humanitarian Needs Response Plan (HNRP) 2024
8. Other common services
9. AOB

1. Action Points Review

The action points from the Coordination Meeting on 21 November were reviewed:

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• In Collaboration with OCHA the Logistics Cluster to facilitate the preposition of Boats to flood-affected areas in the Juba and Shabelle region. [Ongoing]
• The Logistics Cluster Partners to Complete Gaps and needs analysis survey to assess current Logistics Gaps and the support required. [Ongoing]
• The logistics Cluster to deploy and operationalize a second helicopter to support the humanitarian response. [Completed]
• Partners request Boat transportation to adhere to the standard required dimension for easy airlifting.
• The Logistics Cluster to establish a Logistics Hub in Baidoa to serve the Juba region. [Ongoing]

2. Situation Update

Physical Transport Network Updates:
• The Logistics Cluster has challenges in road accessibility. Access to major connecting roads has become a challenge due to flash floods, and riverine that swept sections of roads in many parts of Juba and Shabelle region.
• At present, roads in Galmudug, Puntland, and Somaliland are the only accessible.

Air Transport Updates:
• The Logistics Cluster mainly depends on air transport as road accessibility is limited.
• The Airstrips in Juba and Hirshabelle are presently inaccessible with fixed-wing aircraft as the runways are in poor conditions as a result of the ongoing rains or are only accessible by helicopter

Updates on bridges:
• Flash floods and riverine deteriorated the poor status of roads by washing fully or partially bridges in Juba and Hirshabelle regions hampering accessibility to both vehicles and people.
• Currently Baidoa, Buurdub, and Kamsuma bridges are inaccessible as it was damaged by the flooding while the bridge in Luuq is partially accessible to light vehicles only.

Sea Transport Schedule:
• All seaports remain operational: Mogadishu, Berbera, Bosasso, Kismayo, and Garacad.
• The WFP time-chartered vessel is at Sea on its way back to Mogadishu Seaport and is expected to arrive on 8 December 2023.
• The updated sea transport schedule will be shared by the end of this week and published on the Logistics Cluster website.
• Partners with cargo for sea transport are kindly requested to reach out to the Logistics Cluster team at somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org.
3. Logistics Cluster Boats Network

- In response to the urgent humanitarian situation in Somalia, the Logistics Cluster team has successfully transported boats from Aden Adde International Airport to various flood-affected locations along the Juba and Hirshabelle rivers,
- Presently there are 26 boats owned by humanitarian organizations and 17 boats owned by Somali Disaster Management Agency (SODMA) and local authorities that are operational in Juba and Shabelle region.
- The Logistics Cluster team will continue its unwavering support to the humanitarian community by facilitating the transportation of boats and essential supplies to various flood-affected areas.

4. Gaps and Needs Analysis

- During the last coordination meeting, the Logistics Cluster team communicated its intention to delay the GNA survey to a later date to focus on the flood response.
- For the request of the donors to support our efforts in mobilizing funds, the Logistics Cluster team will disseminate a GNA (Global Needs Assessment)
- Four responses were received so far, indicating engagement and interest in the initiative.
- In addition to the survey, the Logistics Cluster team is planning one-on-one interviews with UN organizations, as well as local and international NGOs.
- Invitations for the interviews will be dispatched today, to ensure timely and comprehensive participation.

5. Humanitarian Logistics Hub

- The Logistics Cluster team has received the second helicopter funded by ECHO and is currently at Aden Ade International Airport where it is undergoing assessment by UNHAS.
- The second helicopter will be kept in Mogadishu for at least one week to help us transport the current backlog in Mogadishu and then plan to deploy to Baidoa for at least one and a half months.
- The set-up of a humanitarian logistics hub in Baidoa is in progress and the Logistics Cluster is planning to transport cargo by fixed wing from Mogadishu to Baidoa and then with the helicopter from Baidoa to various flood-affected areas.
- Partners interested in the service should send an email to somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

6. Bureau of Standards Customs Workshop

- The Logistics Cluster, on behalf of the Somali Bureau of Standards (SOBS), shared an invite with partners to attend a one-day Awareness and Training workshop focused on the implementation of standards and
quality assurance measures. This workshop aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the
country's guidelines, standards, and new regulations, such as the Consignment-Based Conformity
Assurance Program
• The Bureau of Standards and Awareness workshop aims to ensure that all stakeholders involved in
humanitarian, non-humanitarian, and development activities in Somalia adhere to both Somali and
international standards
• The workshop is scheduled to take place on 10 December 2023 at the Airport Hotel within the Aden Adde
International Airport (AAIA).

7. Humanitarian Needs Response Plan (HNR) 2024

• The Logistics Cluster has been working with OCHA on its 2024 humanitarian response plan.
• The Logistics Cluster requires 14.7 million USD funds to continue supporting the humanitarian community
during and after floods until April 2024.
• Presently there are a lot of logistics challenges where roads and bridges have been damaged or washed
away and some airstrips are not accessible with fixed-wing aircraft.
• The either full or partial African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) withdrawal in 2024 might
complicate the logistics working environment in Somalia.

8. Other common services

• The Logistics Cluster will continue its support to the humanitarian community by facilitating the
transportation of boats and essential supplies to various flood-affected areas.
• The Logistics Cluster has positioned two helicopters one in Mogadishu and the second is planned to be
deployed to Baidoa, to provide free-to-user end transport service to hard-to-reach locations.
• Due to funding constraints, fixed-wing transportation services are provided on cost recovery basis.

9. AOB

• Question 1: Can the Logistics Cluster transport cargo from Nairobi to Dobley by road? Are there prospects
for future border openings at Dhobley?
  o We are in partnership with WFP Kenya but cross-border movement can only be done by air as
the border between Kenya - Somalia remains officially closed
  o The Logistic Cluster will try to negotiate the border opening for humanitarian cargo.
• Question 2: We have 4 ambulances that are planned to be shipped from Mogadishu airport to Baidoa and
handed over to the Ministry. Knowing that roads are inaccessible, Is there a possibility to get free airlifting
service to Baidoa?
  o Generally in the past, this has been done on cost-recovery basis.
  o The aircraft that can carry ambulances are special and it has to be contacted first.
  o Share the details with the Logistics Cluster via somalia.clustercargo@wfp.org

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• The information is relayed to the transporter and we will let you know how much it costs.

The next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will take place at the TCU WFP office in-person or online on 19 December at 11:00 am EAT. Discussion topics for the next Logistics Cluster Meeting can be shared with joseantonio.carino@wfp.org and annekathrin.landherr@wfp.org

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