Current Context

Flood Response

- The number of people impacted by heavy deyr seasonal rains and floods across Somalia has increased to over 2.4 million, according to the authorities, with over one million displaced and 110 killed in at least 36 districts.
- Concern continues to grow over the likely spread of water-borne diseases. Suspected cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD)/cholera were reported in Hirshabelle and Galmudug. An outbreak would pose a significant threat to communities with limited healthcare facilities.
- Logistical challenges have emerged as a significant obstacle in flood response efforts. Main and secondary roads have become impassable in Jubala and Hirshabelle, and boats are used as the primary mode of transport.
- Critical bridges in Bardheere, Buurdhuubo, Bulo Burte, Bu’alle, and Luuq have been either washed away or submerged, disrupting primary access routes.
- Additionally, as of 30 November 2023, out of 19 airstrips in Jubaland, South-West, and Hirshabelle State, only 12 are accessible by helicopter (refer to map on the right).

Operational Highlights

Coordination

- The Somalia Logistics Cluster convened two National Logistics Cluster Coordination meetings on 07 and 21 November 2023.
- In response to the urgent humanitarian situation in Somalia, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has secured the lease of eight boats from the Blue Line Company in Mogadishu to address gaps in boat availability.
- Working closely with the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Logistics Cluster is transporting these rented boats to flood-affected areas where the current needs are most pressing.
- Furthermore, the Logistics Cluster is collaborating with partners to transport inter-agency boats on a free to user basis to various flood-affected areas. Currently, boats are prepositioned in the following flood-affected areas: Dollow, Luuq, Buurdhuubo, Baardheere, Afmadow, Kismayo, Jowhar, Bulo Burte, Jalalaqsi, and Beletweyne.
Information Management

- The Logistics Cluster has played a crucial role in information management during the flood response, ensuring a swift and effective reaction to meet the urgent logistics needs of the humanitarian community.
- Utilizing continuous monitoring via the LogIE Somalia tool on the Logistics Cluster website (logcluster.org), the Logistics Cluster tracked the accessibility of roads, airstrips, and bridges. Additionally, the cluster monitored the number and movement of boats operated by the Government, humanitarian organizations, and the private sector. This allowed the Logistics Cluster to identify potential operational gaps and prioritize areas for the deployment of humanitarian boats where people are most in need.

Common Logistics Services

- In November, as a response to the floods, and in collaboration with UNHAS and OCHA, the Logistics Cluster successfully transported twelve boats on behalf of the humanitarian community from Aden Adde International Airport to eight flood-affected locations along the Juba and Hirshabelle rivers. These locations included Bardhere, Luuq, Afmadow, Burdhubo, Buloburte, Beletweyne, Dollow, and Jalalaqsi.
- Looking ahead to December, the Logistics Cluster has twelve boats in the pipeline from six organizations: the World Food Programme (WFP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- In total, 43 boats were operational across ten flood-affected regions in November, including Baardheere, Belet Weyne, Jowhar, Luuq, Afmadow, Burdhubo, Bulo Burte, Jalalaqsi, Dollow, and Kismayo.
- Furthermore, the Logistics Cluster played a crucial role in transporting 187 metric tons of cargo to flood-affected areas in November, working on behalf of nine partners: GREDO, ACF, Concern, IOM, Mardo, SOS, UNHCR, UNICEF, and WHO.

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