

**LOCATION:** WFP Somalia Conference Room

**DATE:** 18 February 2016

**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster

**PARTICIPANTS:** World Vision International, Trocaire, IOM, CESVI, Save the Children, UNDP, OCHA, UNHAS, WFP

- ACTION POINTS:**
- Logistics Cluster and OCHA to liaise with relevant government authorities on border permit issues.
  - Logistics Cluster to confirm whether the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) was included as an item in the Humanitarian Response Plan for 2016.
  - Logistics Cluster to update organisations on the status of El Nino response funds.
  - Logistics Cluster to update organisations on the current status of Somaliland-Puntland border

- AGENDA:**
1. General Update
  2. Organizations' Updates
  3. Air Transport
  4. Access Constraints
  5. Customs and Border Information

## 1. General Update

- The 2016 Humanitarian Response Plan for Somalia was launched on 19 January 2016 in Mogadishu. The entire plan seeks to reach 3.5 million people with urgent life-saving assistance by the end of 2016.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitates the provision of a time charter vessel and cargo plane on a cost recovery basis.

## 2. Organisations' Updates

### World Vision

- Seeking an extension of its border permit to facilitate movement of cargo from Kenya to Gedo region in Somalia.

### IOM

- Shipping additional life jackets to Bossaso and Berbera which will be used for Yemeni returnees.

### TROCAIRE

- Procurement of 160mt of items is in the pipeline.
- Request to the Ministry for a border permit is still pending.

### UNICEF

- The Kenyan government issued a border permit, however, it is yet to reach their office.

- Expecting one additional temperature controlled mobile storage unit (MSU) in March 2016.

**CESVI**

- Still waiting for donors to approve the contract to facilitate procurement of medical supplies.

**WFP**

- Due to access constraint to transport cargo from Mogadishu to Diinsor by road, WFP have contracted a transporter to airlift the cargo.

**OCHA**

- Kenya have now opened an embassy in Mogadishu, therefore, all staff will be required to apply for visa through Mogadishu. This will likely be costly and OCHA is pursuing the matter to see how this can be resolved.
- Concept of Operation for Somaliland-Puntland drought response has been submitted. It was however not clear whether the Logistics Cluster input is included. Logistics Cluster to follow up and revert.

### **3. Air Transport**

- Rehabilitation of Garowe Airport commenced last year and is ongoing. Organizations such as UNHAS are currently using Conoco airstrip as an alternative.
- Bossaso Airport has been operational since 6 January following its rehabilitation.
- UNHAS informed that additional security measures have been put in place for all users of their services in Mogadishu and stringent measures will be adopted in other areas. User agency staff will be required to produce an agency ID card as proof, whereas non-staff will be required to provide an official letter from the sponsoring organization. UNHAS will share more detailed information with user agencies.

### **4. Access Constraints**

- Roads access remain a challenge in many areas due to increasing insecurity thereby leading to limited access and disrupting humanitarian operations.
  - Access into Baidoa, Wajid and Garbaharey is only possible by air.
  - Mandera-Dollo route is accessible
  - Galkayo – Baladweyn – Huddur and Rabdhure is accessible
  - Bossaso-Garowe-Galkayo is accessible
  - Mogadishu-Jowhar is accessible
  - Baladweyn – BuloBurde – Mahas – Jalalaqsi is accessible to commercial cargo only
  - Galkayo-Beletweyne is open but risky, therefore not recommended
  - Mogadishu-Lower Shebelle – difficult but possible under escort, currently not in use
  - Mogadishu to Baidoa – possible under heavy escort, but not recommended.
  - Berbera-Hargeisa some movement is possible inside Somaliland but it should be coordinated closely with DSS

### **5. Customs and Border Information**

- The border restriction between Somaliland and Puntland continues to hamper the movement of humanitarian cargo. This is mainly due to unresolved taxation issues. Currently, local authorities in the region only issue ad hoc permits. It was agreed that OCHA will follow up and revert to the Logistics Cluster with an update.
- NGOs continue to face challenges in acquiring border permits for the movement of their cargo to Somalia via the Mandera border. The Logistics Cluster and OCHA to pursue the issue Kenyan authorities to address this concern.
- Staff movement along the Kenya/Somalia border is permitted, however some partner organizations raised concerns over non-compliance of the procedures by the local authority along the Kenya-Somalia border which may pose further risk on concerned organizations.

*The next meeting scheduled in mid-March, with the details to be shared via the mailing list*

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