

Meeting Minutes of Somalia Logistics Cluster

Nairobi, Kenya
11 October 2007 – 15:00 hours



Venue: Somalia Support Secretariat, Conference Room, Kalson Tower

Participants: COSV, NGO-SPAS, World Vision-Somalia, FAO, Italian Cooperation, UNFPA, HIRDA, WHO, MEDAIR, SWPDA, WFP (*see attached attendance record*).

I. ISSUES DISCUSSED:

1. Security Update by participants

- Reported continuous anti-TFG related attacks in Mogadishu.
- TFG is taking action towards partitioning Mogadishu into four sectors, each with a vice Governor.
- In Baidoa, Bay district, one car bomb exploded by the rear entrance of the hotel where TFG Ministries were holding meetings. It is not clear if it was a suicide bombing and if there were other vehicles involved.
- Unconfirmed reports of 23 TFG Members threatened to resign in Baidoa. The ministers later denied the media report.

2. Review of Last Meeting Minutes, 27 September 2007

- UNHAS cargo space and subsidized passenger are available.
UNHAS clearance to operate directly between Somalia and JKIA is renewed for the month of October and UNHAS continues to request clearances on a monthly basis.

3. Who is doing What and Where

- The template was circulated via email to all the Logistic Cluster members and also handed out to all cluster meeting participants.
- Once all Cluster members provide the requested information, a consolidated baseline of logistics related information and maps of operation will be produced as well as. This will become a tool to support logistics planning and finding the area of practical solutions in the event of augmented logistic requirements.
- The Cluster lead will continue to encourage the members to provide the information required to use the tool.

4. IDPs Logistics challenges and support plan → SWALIM

- In accordance with SWALIM latest weather report dispatched on 09 October 2007, heavy rains are expected in the Ethiopian side of the Juba and Shabelle rivers. The risk of localized floods is now rated high on Juba river (Jamane – Jilib area) and on Shabelle river

around Jowhar. Rainfall is estimated to increase the river basin level of the lower reaches of both Shabelle and Juba rivers.

- A scenario of major concern discussed among the Cluster members is represented by the current influx of IDPs, this coupled with the possibility of floods in the coming weeks in the lower Shabelle and Juba region. This is in addition to re-occurring security problems along the main corridors and road networks, which induce some to hold dispatch of supplies until the road security improves.
- WFP's logistics response plan for IDPs is already activated for Afgoye, the food distribution round for October is already completed. In case of severe flooding in the Lower Shabelle and Middle Juba region, WFP is pre-positioning of 500 MT of food aid in Jilib and a fleet of 9 fiberglass boats in Buale to cater for the floods along the Juba river. In case of floods in the Shabelle region the most viable option is to use local commercial boat.
- COSV, due to the increased security concerns and illegal taxation on the road networks is experiencing problems in the supply pipeline to the area of operation for their 'Primary Health Care' project in Lower Shabelle and Merka town. COSV is considering the option for what extent possible, to procure the supplies at local district level to reduce the travel distance and minimize road security risks.
- World Vision-Somalia confirmed their logistic plan to be already activated through the pre-positioning of empty sand bags using UNHAS subsidized cargo flights.
- WHO, through INTERSOS has pre-positioned in Jowhar supplies of drugs and medicine.
- UNFPA is planning to pre-positioning 800 hygiene kits in the IDP region of Lower Shabelle.
- All other participants at the meeting expressed their confidence in their logistics response plan for the IDPs and floods scenario.

5. Round-The-Table Logistics Issues

- CARE is expected to share follow-up information on the El Wak boarder crossing during the next Logistics Cluster meeting.
- Agencies and Organizations are reminded to provide information sharing through the 'Who is doing What the Where' template. Presently, WFP, Merlin and World Vision-Somalia have provided information.
- WFP renewed its offer to all Cluster members to provide information on cargo shipping requirements. WFP will then be in a position to announce additional unused cargo space on its chartered vessels.

6. AOB

The next Somalia Logistics Cluster meeting will take place on **Thursday, 25 October 2007**, at 15:00hrs, at Kalson Towers, Somalia Support Secretariat.