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- Due to the escalation of active fighting around Hodeidah and humanitarian activities targeting Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), the Logistics Cluster has been assessing the fuel and storage needs of implementing partners delivering assistance to IDPs at Humanitarian Service Points and Transit Sites in the Hodeidah governorate.
- The Logistics Cluster has been tasked with coordinating Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) deliveries to the Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) and Transit Points (TPs) established to provide IDPs with relief items. The Logistics Cluster is coordinating the consolidation of RRM deliveries from UNICEF, UNFPA and WFP warehouses in Hodeidah to HSP and TP warehouses in Hodeidah and Hajjah governates.
- Meanwhile, NFI stocks belonging to humanitarian organisations responding to the crisis in Hodeidah and
 coordinated by the Logistics Cluster were moved to a newly identified warehouse used by WFP and the Logistics
 Cluster in Al Marawi'ah in the surroundings of Hodeidah. Alongside these items, fuel stocks of diesel and petrol
 stored at the Hodeidah fuel station, which is coordinated by the Logistics Cluster, were moved to Sana'a. The
 Logistics Cluster is now looking for an alternative fuel station in Hodeidah to ensure continued fuel availability
 within the city.

Air Transport

- Due to some technical issues with the B727 aircraft prepositioned in Djibouti, three airlifts planned for the week of 25 June had to be postponed to the first week of July. Normal operations have since resumed with an airlift on 10 July.
- A tentative schedule for airlifts in 2018 is available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following link: www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-tentative-airlifts-schedule-2018
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are published on the Logistics Cluster website at: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-air-transport-services-march-2018

Sea Transport

- Throughout the month of June the VOS Theia, covering the route Djibouti-Hodeidah, remained available for use in case of staff evacuation due to the escalation of violence in Hodeidah city and governorate; this also led to some schedule disruptions for the VOS Apollo covering the route Djibouti-Aden, as this vessel was also kept available.
- At the end of June, the two vessels resumed their regular schedule, and the VOS Theia voyage #9 carried seven WHO ambulances and trauma kits, and UNICEF relief items to Hodeidah.
- Two reefer containers will be installed on board the VOS Theia to allow for temperature controlled/cold chain transport.
- Passenger SOPs for passenger sea transport are available on the Logistics Cluster website at:
 <u>www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-passenger-sea-transport-sops-march-2018</u>. Tentative passenger schedules
 for the <u>VOS Apollo</u> and the <u>VOS Theia</u> are also available on the cluster website. All booking requests, cancellations
 and enquiries must be submitted to: co_yem_passenger@wfp.org



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 SOPs for cargo sea transport are available on the Logistics Cluster website at: <u>www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-sea-transport-march-2018</u>.
 Tentative schedules for cargo transport are available for both the VOS Apollo and VOS Theia.

Overland Transport

- The Logistics Cluster can obtain security clearances on behalf of humanitarian organisations using the overland transport service facilitated by the cluster. Organisations not using cluster-facilitated transport services need to request clearances directly from the Ministry of Interior.
- For overland cargo transport from south to north specifically passing through Dhamar, service users are requested
 to submit copies of exemption documents/customs clearance alongside the SRF, otherwise the transport request
 will not be accepted. If the cargo has been procured locally in the south, rather than imported internationally, the
 SRF shall be accompanied by either the commercial invoice or by documents proving the purchase/payment of
 taxes.
- SOPs on overland transport are available on the cluster website: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-road-transport-temporary-storage-march-2018
- WFP relocated the entire fleet dedicated to Logistics Cluster activities (25 trucks) to Hodeidah to support the
 distribution of humanitarian assistance in the Hodeidah governorate; 10 trucks were moved from Aden and 10
 trucks were moved from Sana'a. The Logistics Cluster is also working to expand the fleet to 50 trucks to ensure
 sufficient land transport capacity.

Warehousing

- The contracting of the temperature-controlled warehouse in Hodeidah was put on hold until further notice due to the security situation.
- Storage capacity is as follows: 5,740 m² in Aden, 3,640 m² in Hodeidah and 1,960 m² in Sana'a.
- In Aden, there are no cold chain storage facilities available through the Logistics Cluster. However, the Cluster can coordinate with WHO on behalf of other organisations to assess whether space is available in their warehouse.
- To support additional storage needs, 15 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) arrived in Sana'a on 28 June to be deployed to field locations to set up temporary storage facilities as required. Once customs cleared, the MSUs will be immediately available for loan to humanitarian organisations.
- SOPs for storage services are available at: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-road-transport-temporary-storage-march-2018.

Fuel Distribution

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to fuel (petrol and diesel) at distribution points managed by WFP around Sana'a, Aden and Hodeidah; fuel is available to humanitarian organisations on a cost recovery basis.
- SOPs for fuel access are available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following link: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-fuel-provision-march-2018



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Coordination and staffing

- Coordination meetings were held in Sana'a on 13 June and 15 July 2018.
- Meeting minutes are available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following link
- Dates and times of the next coordination meetings will be communicated via the mailing list and the webpage.

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