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- Due to ongoing fighting around Hodeidah and a resulting increase in humanitarian activities targeting Internally
  Displaced Persons (IDPs), the Logistics Cluster has been tasked with coordinating Rapid Response Mechanism
  (RRM) deliveries to Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) and Transit Points (TPs) which were established as
  locations to provide IDPs with relief items.
- The Logistics Cluster is in charge of cargo consolidation at the common warehouse (WFP IRR, UNICEF hygiene kits and UNFPA transit kits into RRM kits) and the coordination of deliveries of the consolidated cargo to RRM partners.
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for RRM deliveries for Sana'a hub have been published on the Logistics
   Cluster website at the following link: <u>logcluster.org/document/yemen-standard-operating-procedures-sops-rrm-deliveries-sanaa-hub-july-2018</u>

## **Air Transport**

- In July, the Logistics Cluster coordinated cargo airlifts from Djibouti to Sana'a on behalf of MdM, WHO, PU-AMi and IOM, totalling 45 mt/140 m<sup>3</sup>.
- Airlifts scheduled for the first week of August had to be postponed to the week of 6 August due to technical issues with the Djibouti-based aircraft. One airlift per day was carried out from 6 to 9 August, transporting 64.8 mt/442 m³ on behalf of WHO, UNICEF and ACF.
- An additional airlift was carried out on 19 August, transporting 11.5 mt/69 m³ on behalf of IMC, MdM and WHO.
- In total, in August the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 181.6 mt/931.6 m³ of relief items from Djibouti to Sana'a and Aden on behalf of ACF, IMC, MdM, MSF, UNICEF and WHO.
- A tentative airlifts schedule for the rest of 2018 is available on the 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: <u>www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-air-transport-services-march-2018</u>

#### **UNHAS**

- A bigger aircraft will be deployed to serve the Amman-Sana'a route, starting in August or September. Negotiations are ongoing.
- A service between Aden and Sana'a started in August with two flights per month.
- The service from Djibouti to Aden was disrupted on 29 July due to a technical failure of the aircraft; regular service resumed on 2 August to both Aden and Sana'a. There was also disruption experienced on the service between Amman and Sana'a on 1 August and 21 August due to technical issues; flights resumed on 4 August and 22 August respectively.
- UNHAS schedule for August is available at: https://logcluster.org/document/unhas-flight-schedule-august-2018



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## **Sea Transport**

- Due to administrative issues, VOS Apollo voyage 117 and VOS Theia voyage 13 were cancelled. All sea operations
  (cargo and passengers) were suspended until further notice. After discussions between Djiboutian authorities
  and the relevant WFP country offices, operations were resumed. VOS Apollo left for Aden on 12 August, while
  VOS Theia returned to Djibouti on 22 August after having supported Aden operations.
- Urgent cargo that had been expected to be transported by sea on the VOS Apollo and VOS Theia was instead airlifted to Aden and Sana'a; the figures for cargo airlifted to Sana'a are included in the above section on air transport. The cargo airlifted to Aden on 2 and 5 August on behalf of WHO and MSF was 34 mt/139 m<sup>3</sup>.
- The remaining pending cargo for transport to Hodeidah was sent by dhow. This arrived in Hodeidah on 21 August and was 28.2 mt/131.3 m³ on behalf of FAO.
- Going forward, both vessels will mainly be used for the transport of passengers and special cargo such as armoured vehicles, ambulances, dangerous goods and cargo needing cold chain and/or temperature control, as well as for evacuation purposes. Transport of other cargo types to Hodeidah and Aden should be by dhow.
- Overall, in July the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 198 mt/1,532 m3 to Hodeidah on behalf of WFP, and of 80.3 mt/353 m3 to Aden on behalf of MSF, UNDP, UNICEF. In August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 28 mt/131 m³ to Hodeidah on behalf of FAO, and of 8 mt/43 m³ to Aden on behalf of MSF.

## **Overland Transport**

- WFP relocated the entire fleet dedicated to Logistics Cluster activities (30 trucks) to Hodeidah to support the
  distribution of humanitarian assistance in the Hodeidah governorate through the RRM; 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 as needed.
- SOPs on overland transport are available on the cluster website: <a href="www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-road-transport-temporary-storage-march-2018">www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-road-transport-temporary-storage-march-2018</a>
- The Logistics Cluster can obtain security clearances on behalf of humanitarian organisations using the overland transport service facilitated by the cluster however, organisations not using cluster-facilitated transport services need to request clearances directly from the Ministry of Interior.
- In July, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 1,413 mt/5,389 m³ of cargo by land on behalf of ACTED, ADRA, Save the Children, UNICEF, UNDP, FAO, UNFPA, WFP and WHO. In August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 190 mt/990 m³ of cargo by land on behalf of ADRA, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP and WHO (figures are partial and likely to be updated in the near future).

## Warehousing

- Current storage capacity is as follows: 5,740 m<sup>2</sup> in Aden, 3,640 m<sup>2</sup> in Hodeidah and 1,960 m<sup>2</sup> in Sana'a. Changes are reflected in the Logistics Cluster ConOps: <a href="https://logcluster.org/document/yemen-concept-operations-july-2018">https://logcluster.org/document/yemen-concept-operations-july-2018</a>.
- The Logistics Cluster accepted 666.3 mt/2,374 m³ of relief items into storage across Hodeidah, Sana'a and Aden in July, on behalf of Save the Children, UNICEF, UNDP, FAO, UNFPA, and WFP. In August, the Logistics Cluster

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accepted 285 mt/1,312 m<sup>3</sup> of relief items into storage across Hodeidah, Sana'a and Aden on behalf of Save the Children, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA and WFP (figures are partial and likely to be updated in the near future).

- To support additional storage needs, 15 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) arrived in Sana'a on 28 June to be deployed to field locations for temporary storage as required. Due to delays in customs clearance, the MSUs are still at the airport. The Logistics Cluster has raised the issue with the HCT to expedite clearance, and once released the MSUs will be available for loan to humanitarian organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster does not have any cold-chain/temperature-controlled storage space. There are currently two reefer containers on board the VOS Apollo, and Maersk is making five more available to the cluster which are expected to arrive in Djibouti in early September. Two will be placed on board the VOS Theia, two will be located at Aden port for storage, and one will replace the rental container on board the VOS Apollo.
- SOPs for storage services are available at: <a href="www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-road-transport-temporary-storage-march-2018">www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-road-transport-temporary-storage-march-2018</a>.

## **Fuel Distribution**

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to fuel (petrol and diesel) at WFP-managed distribution points around Sana'a, Aden and Hodeidah. Fuel is available to humanitarian organisations on a cost-recovery basis.
- After stocks had to be removed due to an escalation in conflict in Hodeidah, WFP is now working to secure a fuel station for Logistics Cluster fuel distributions within the city. In Hodeidah, diesel is being distributed to organisations through WFP, however unforeseen issues are currently impacting petrol distribution. There continue to be regular fuel distributions in Sana'a and Aden.
- ICRC and MSF-France enquired about the possibility of obtaining Jet A1 fuel for their aircraft. While the Logistics Cluster does not manage this kind of fuel, WFP is working to set up a contingency stock of Jet A1 in Sana'a. This stock may be made available to organisations on a cost-recovery basis through WFP's Bilateral Service Provision. The Logistics Cluster will put ICRC and MSF-France in contact with the relevant focal points within WFP.
- In July, the Logistics Cluster distributed 88,000 litres of fuel (petrol and diesel) to 16 organisations, while in August, 86,592 litres were distributed to 17 organisations.
- 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

#### Coordination

• The last cluster coordination meeting was held in Sana'a on 14 August 2018. Minutes from this meeting are available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following <u>link</u>. Dates and times of the next coordination meetings will be communicated via the mailing list and the webpage.





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