

Situation Update

- The Logistics Cluster is extending its activities until the end of 2018 to continue supporting humanitarian organisations responding to the crisis in Yemen.
- Services facilitated by the Logistics Cluster are made available to the humanitarian community on the basis of available funding and expressed needs. Currently, all activities are funded until the end of March of 2018. The Logistics Cluster is working to secure additional resources, thus ensuring the activities can continue beyond March.
- Following WFP advocacy efforts, supported by key member states, on 28 December, WFP received official EHOCC clearance for the four USAID-funded mobile cranes allocated to Hodeidah port. The cranes are being transported from UNHRD in Dubai, UAE, where they have been stored, to Hodeidah port. WFP is expecting to load the cranes onto a shipping vessel on 4-5 January and they are expected to arrive in Hodeidah port in mid-January.
- The Logistics Cluster and OCHA have been working with humanitarian organisations in Yemen to collect and consolidate information on storage capacity and in-country stock piles. This information is of extreme importance for the updated the Hodeidah contingency plan. Based on the collected information, gaps in storage capacity were identified in the in Dhawar, Rayma and Al Mahweet. The Logistics Cluster will not be in charge of storage facilities in these locations, but could provide guidance to any potential implementing partner.

Air Transport

- Due to a period of instability in Sana'a, airlifts scheduled for the beginning of December were suspended. As the airport reopened in the second half of the month, the Logistics Cluster facilitated five rotations between 17 and 23 December from Djibouti to Sana'a, carrying 86 mt/414 m³ of relief items for IMC, WHO, MSF, IOM, MDM and WFP.
- Airlifts will resume in January 2018 according to the needs of the humanitarian community. A tentative schedule for airlifts in 2018 is available at: www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-tentative-airlifts-schedule-2018
- Service Users are invited to share their pipelines or interest for the Logistics Cluster to have all necessary information to set-up adequate air transport services in a timely manner.
- [Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) on how to access Air Transport service, as well as a [recap snapshot](#), are available on the Logistics Cluster website.

Sea Transport

- The VOS Apollo service suffered some disruptions in December 2017. Voyage #83 Djibouti-Aden, scheduled for 3 December, had to be cancelled as the vessel travelled to Hodeidah instead to support the downsizing of staff ensuing the volatile security situation. Voyages #84 and #85 had to be cancelled as well due to technical reasons related to vessel itself.
- VOS Apollo voyages resumed to normalcy on Sunday 24 December, with voyage #86. All passengers booked on the cancelled voyages were redirected to UNHAS flights and thus were able to travel despite the disruption, while the cargo remained on hold in Djibouti.

Passengers

- In December, the VOS Apollo carried out two voyages between Djibouti and Aden, transporting 25 passengers on behalf of 10 organisations, for an average use rate of 25 percent.

- Updated SOPs, specifying booking and cancellation procedures, are available on the Logistics Cluster website at: www.logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-passengers-sea-transport-september-2017
- All booking requests, cancellations and inquiries have to be submitted to co_yem_passenger@wfp.org

Cargo

- In December, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 125 mt of relief items on behalf of six organisations on board the VOS Apollo.
- A reefer container and a container for temperature-controlled items are available on the VOS Apollo. Other containers can be accepted on board, as the vessel has a capacity of 600 mt equivalent to 36 x 20' containers.
- The WFP-chartered vessel Amira Lana, carrying approximately 1,300 mt of UNICEF and WHO cargo facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, berthed in Aden port on 3 December, unloading started shortly after and was completed on 7 December. The vessel was originally to call at Hodeidah port; however, due first to the blockade and then to the volatile security situation in the north, both organisations opted to unload the cargo in Aden
- [SOPs](#) to access the Sea Transport service, as well as a [recap snapshot](#), are available on the Logistics Cluster website.
- A tentative schedule for cargo transport on the VOS Apollo throughout 2018 has been published on the cluster website and available at: www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-vos-apollo-cargo-transport-schedule-2018, while a tentative schedule for monthly dhow transport to all accessible ports in Yemen is available at: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-dhows-schedule-2018>

Overland Transport

- In December, the Logistics Cluster facilitated road transport of 76.3 mt/299 m³ of relief items on behalf of eight organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster can obtain security clearances on behalf of humanitarian organisations using the overland transport service facilitated by the cluster. Organisation not using cluster facilitated transport services need to request clearances directly to the Ministry of Interiors.
- The Logistics Cluster can make available refrigerated trucks in Sana'a and Aden upon request.
- [SOPs](#) to access the service are available at the on the Logistics Cluster website.

Warehousing

- In December, the Logistics Cluster facilitated storage of 1,425 mt / 5,591 m³ of relief items on behalf of four organisations in Aden and Sana'a.
- Common storage capacity is as follows: 5,740 m² in Aden, 3,640 m² in Hodeidah and 320 m² in Sana'a. The Logistics Cluster is looking into the possibility of expanding the storage capacity in Sana'a.
- [SOPs](#) to access storage service are available on the Logistics Cluster website.

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.

- The Logistics Cluster is working with WFP to procure 5 million litres of fuel to cater for the needs of the Health and WASH cluster, as well as for the rest of the humanitarian community.
- [SOPs](#) to access the service are available at the on the Logistics Cluster website.

Coordination and staffing

- A coordination meeting was held in Sana'a on 28 December. Meetings minutes are available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following [link](#). The dates and times of the next meetings will be communicated via the mailing list.

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