

Situation Update

- WFP chartered an additional vessel, VOS Theia, to perform regular return trips between Djibouti and Hodeidah. This vessel, will operate in addition to the VOS Apollo vessel serving Aden, was chartered to address the increasing humanitarian needs in Yemen, and thus allowing for the timely and effective response of humanitarian organisations. In addition, the vessel will strengthen the marine evacuation assets in line with HCT policy to ensure staff safety and security. VOS Theia is expected to start operating on 15 March, it will carry both humanitarian cargo and passengers. The Logistics Cluster will facilitate access to the service for humanitarian organisations.
- On 26 February, MT Celesta carrying 5 million litres of diesel procured by WFP berthed in Hodeidah; discharging of the diesel was completed the following day. In addition, WFP is procuring 1.5 million litres of diesel in Aden. The Logistics Cluster will disburse this fuel to humanitarian organisations on a cost-recovery basis, to keep critical infrastructure (e.g. water and sanitation systems and hospital generators) working in major cities across Yemen, as well as to allow day-to-day operations of humanitarian organisations. Distributions are expected to begin in the first week of March, once custom clearance is completed.

Air Transport

- In February, the Logistics Cluster facilitated two airlifts from Djibouti to Sana'a.
 - The first airlift was composed of two rotations on 13 and 14 February, carrying overall 41.6 mt/232 m³ mt of cargo on behalf of OCHA, UNFPA and WHO.
 - The second airlift was carried out in one rotation on 26 February, transporting 3 mt/23.6 m³ of relief items on behalf of OCHA, UNICEF and IOM.
- 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 \(SOPs\)](#) on how to access Air Transport service, as well as a [recap snapshot](#), are available on the Logistics Cluster website.

Sea Transport

- Following some disruptions to the VOS Apollo service at the end of January, due to the unstable security situation, the vessel resumed and maintained normal voyages throughout February, while a second vessel, Aladin, remained on stand-by off the coast of Aden, as a precautionary measure in case of staff downsizing. In coordination with UNDSS, it was decided to not extend the Aladin beyond 28 February, and the vessel consequently departed.

Passengers

- In February, the VOS Apollo carried out four voyages between Djibouti and Aden, transporting 74 passengers on behalf of 12 organisations, for an average use rate of 37 percent.
- 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 February, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 23 mt/167 m³ of relief items on behalf of IOM, MSF and WHO on board the VOS Apollo.
- In addition, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the loading of a dhow with 59.3 mt/264.3 m³ of medical items on behalf of WHO. The dhow left Djibouti on 27 February, and arrived in Hodeidah on 1 March.
- 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.
- [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 at: www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-vos-apollo-cargo-transport-schedule-2018
- A tentative schedule for monthly dhow transport to all accessible ports in Yemen is available at: www.logcluster.org/document/yemen-dhows-schedule-2018

Overland Transport

- In February, the Logistics Cluster facilitated road transport of 474.5 mt/1,068 m³ of relief items on behalf of 9 organisations (ACF, ADRA, FAO, Islamic Relief, Save the Children, UNDP, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP).
- 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 to the Ministry of Interiors.
- The Logistics Cluster can make available refrigerated trucks upon request.
- The Logistics Cluster through WFP will make available a dedicated fleet of 25 trucks across Sana'a, Aden and Hodeidah to increase the overland transport capacity as of the first week of March.
- [SOPs](#) to access the service are available at the on the Logistics Cluster website.

Warehousing

- In February, the Logistics Cluster accepted into storage 293.5 mt/548 m³ of relief items on behalf ADRA, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA and FAO in Sana'a, Aden and Hodeidah.
- Storage capacity is currently as follows: 5,740 m² in Aden, 3,640 m² in Hodeidah and 320 m² in Sana'a.
- In Sana'a, the Logistics Cluster is working to increase storage capacity: a technical warehouse assessment has already been completed, while the security assessment is pending. The Logistic Cluster will also look into the possibility of setting up a free zone warehousing space at the Sana'a airport.
- The Logistics Cluster is also planning to increase storage capacity In Hodeidah, which may include a temperature-controlled warehouse.
- The WFP Logistics Hub in PK20, Djibouti, can offer storage space to humanitarian organisations on a cost-recovery basis, should they have the need.
- [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.

February 2018 – Fuel disbursed			
Location	Petrol (l) distributed	Diesel (l) distributed	Total fuel (l) distributed
Aden	11,288	12,714	24,002
Hodeidah	7,545	29,319	36,864
Sana'a	5,204	27,019	32,223
TOTAL	24,037	69,052	93,089

- To enhance coordination among the Logistics Cluster, WFP and the humanitarian community on fuel provision, a Fuel Working Group was established in Sana'a on 8 February. Meetings are to be held every two weeks.
- [SOPs](#) to access the service are available at the on the Logistics Cluster website.

Coordination and staffing

- Coordination meetings were held in Sana'a, Aden and Hodeidah respectively on 7, 13 and 14 February 2018. Meeting minutes are available on the Logistics Cluster website at the following [link](#). Dates and times of meetings are communicated via the mailing list and the webpage.

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