

## Passengers Transport Overview - November 2016

### Djibouti – Aden - Djibouti

#### Background

Due to the lack of access by air to the city of Aden, Yemen, the Logistics Cluster coordinates and facilitates passenger movement via sea on a WFP-chartered vessel, which also serves as an emergency rescue and evacuation vessel. Additionally, cargo transportation on board of the same vessel is also facilitated.

Since May 2016, a regular schedule and booking system has been in place, with weekly rotations between Djibouti and Aden. The schedule has been designed so to allow passengers to easily connect with UNHAS flights on Djibouti route to and from Sana'a.

A snapshot containing additional information can be found at <http://www.logcluster.org/document/snapshot-passenger-sea-transport-november-2016>.

Pending availability of resources and based on needs, the service will be maintained through 2017.



VoS Apollo berthing in Djibouti (Photo: Logistics Cluster/November 2016)

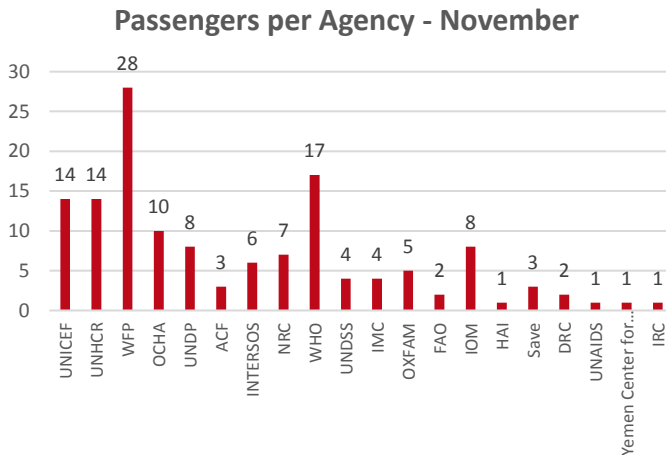
#### Highlights

- From May to November 2016, **30 voyages** took place between Djibouti and Aden, transporting a total of **553 passengers** on behalf of 23 agencies.
- The vessel currently under contract, VoS Apollo, will go dry docking in the UAE in early December, until mid-January. To ensure continuity of the service during this period, WFP has chartered a sister ship (VoS Triton). The new vessel will be operational from 4 December 2016.

#### November 2016

- In the month of November, **139 passengers** on behalf of **20 organizations** have been transported between Djibouti

and Aden, a **6% increase** from the previous month.



- Average utilization rate for the month also significantly increased, with an average of **70%** and a **peak of 92%** in the second rotation of the month (Voyage 28).
- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated transport of **44 m3/9.9 mt** of relief items, including one cold chain, on behalf of three humanitarian organizations (UNICEF, IMC and WHO).

### Challenges & Remarks

- OCHA ASG for Partnerships in the Middle East and Central Asia boarded the Apollo on 13 November to conduct a mission to Aden on 14-17 November;
- On Voyage 28, the Logistics Cluster received 28 booking requests; the “first come, first served” principle was applied, and booking requests were processed in the order they had been received. The vessel sailed to Aden on 13 November with 25 passengers on board (100% utilization rate);
- The first results of the Quality Survey distributed on board of the Apollo are being received and processed by the Logistics Cluster; they will support the planning of 2017 activities.



Medical items transported to Aden on board of the Apollo  
(Photo: WHO/November 2016)

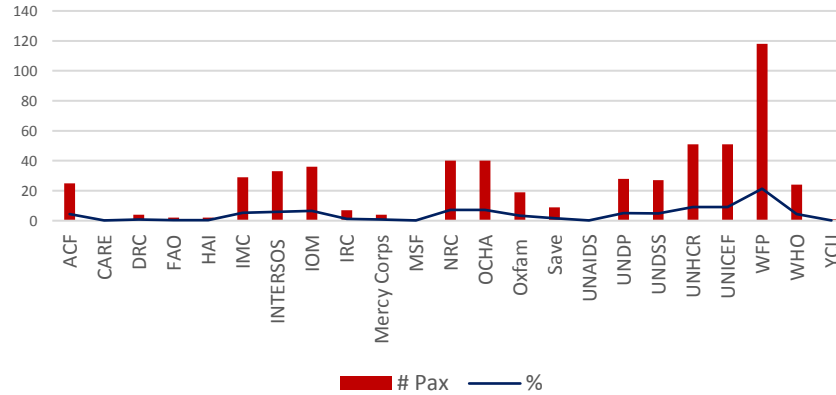
### Total Passenger movement

**30 rotations** have seen **553 passengers** move between Djibouti and Aden. 273 passengers departed Djibouti for Aden, and 280 passengers sailed from Aden to Djibouti. With a maximum capacity of 25 passengers per leg, or 50 per voyage,

the average utilization rate is currently at **37%**.

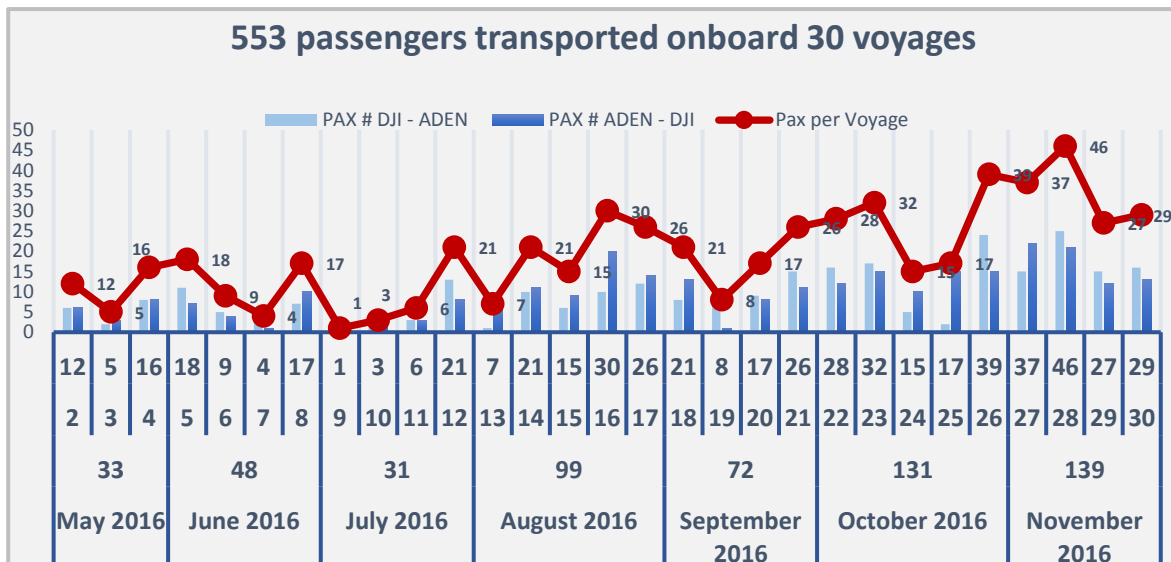
**23 organizations**, including WFP, regularly use the passenger service, of which: 13 NGOs (national and international); and, 10 UN agencies.

Utilisation Rate by Agency



The vessel's occupancy rate has been growing steadily since the service started, with the only exception of the month of July, where a drop in utilization rate can be attributed to the holiday period. November saw a peak in passengers, with **70%** occupancy rate.

Average Utilization Rate	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
	22%	24%	16%	40%	36%	52%	70%



### Vessel Terms and Budget

- The vessel is currently under contract until the end of 2016; provision of the service in 2017 will be contingent upon availability of funding;
- Current donors: UN OCHA; DG ECHO; OFDA.

#### 2017 Budget Requirements

Monthly cost	US\$ 400,000
Total cost	US\$ 4,800,000
Shortfall	US\$ 4,800,000



UNICEF cargo loaded on the Apollo (Photo: WFP/ November 2016)



Offloading WHO cargo at Aden (Photo: WHO/November 2016)

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