The Logistics Cluster coordinates and facilitates a weekly passenger movement between Djibouti and Aden on the WFP-chartered vessel, VOS Apollo, which is also used for emergency rescue and evacuation purposes. Standard Operating Procedures are available at: https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-yemen-vessel-accommodation-march-2019.

Since May 2016, a regular schedule and booking system have been in place, with weekly rotations between Djibouti and Aden. The schedule allows passengers to easily connect with UNHAS flights between Djibouti and Sana'a.

General overview

- 182 rotations transporting 2,843 passengers between Djibouti and Aden, on behalf of 49 service users (15 UN agencies, 29 INGOs, four NGOs and one international organisation), for an average rate of use of 35% (maximum capacity 25 passengers per leg/50 per voyage).
- Thanks to the contributions received by ECHO, Canada and USAID, WFP and the Logistics Cluster will be able to extend the service until 31 December 2019.

Total passenger movements

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**November overview**

- 18 passengers from nine organisations benefitted from the sea passenger transport service.

**Passenger per agency - November 2019**

- UNHCR
- WFP
- UNFPA
- UNOSS
- OCHA
- Save the Children
- Global Communities
- IOM

**Utilisation Rate**

- 12%

**Top 15 users since May 2016**

- The Top 15 Users make up 85% of the passengers who have used the service since May 2016.
- The remaining 15% includes an additional 37 organisations.

The VOS Apollo has a capacity of 600 mt, therefore it is also used to transport cargo from Djibouti to Aden on behalf of humanitarian organisations when the need arises. Standard Operating Procedures are available at: https://logcluster.org/document/standard-operating-procedures-sops-djibouti-sea-transport-december-2018.

A second vessel, VOS Theia, with similar capacity to VOS Apollo, was chartered trough WFP to cover the Djibouti - Aden route for passengers, cargo and evacuation purposes. Due to operational reasons, VOS Apollo and VOS Theia may switch routes and service users are informed accordingly.

More information can be found at http://www.logcluster.org/ops/yem10a.