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The following sections contain information on the logistics services of Somalia

The main logistic service in Mogadishu and its surrounding areas are concentrated in the port of Mogadishu and it’s in the form of cooperatives like transport cooperative, MMD (Murug Maalka Dekeda) which is the sole stevedoring company in Mogadishu. Recently, private companies providing logistical services have emerged and there are specialized companies for logistics, such as Alpha Logistics, Integrated Logistics, Trans-oceanic and other small local small scale companies that have contracts with the UN and International NGOs.

Most traders in Mogadishu offer their logistics services individually, but in general, as a result of lacking government guidance and regulations the standard of available services is below average. The Somaliland Authority governed as self-declared country is not recognized by the International Community but has limited logistics services providers for large scale operation.

Services providers of transportation, warehousing, handling, clearing & freight forwarding, stevedoring, superintendence, reconstitutions, bagging, tally service, security, pest control, waste disposal, re-filling fire extinguishers, electricity, telecommunications, fuel etc. are available at a reasonable level of operation. However, bagging for bulk cargoes and pest control services are contracted to Foreign Service providers as these services have not yet been confirmed available in the country.

Service providers are private companies and they perform their work within national regulations. This does not mean that they are controlled, but they freely enter a contract with any organizations. However, the service providers are all registered under the concerned Ministry of Somaliland Government. No silos or bagging facilities are offered unless contracted to foreign companies at high price. The biggest capacity of cranes available is 75 mt, no fixed cranes for big operations. Storage facilities are limited and neither recognized and specialized fumigation services nor food testing laboratories, instead are hired from foreign companies. There are no emergency helicopters for airdrops in case of emergencies.

Despite the above mentioned gaps, organizations try to reduce the gaps in either hiring some services from foreign companies especially from neighboring countries, capacity building is provided to local staff, equipment imported, mobile storage, construction of warehouses etc.