

Operational Highlights

- The Logistics Cluster continued supporting the convoy movement between Semera (Afar Region) and Mekele (Tigray). A total of **86 Logistics Cluster-coordinated or facilitated trucks** made it to Mekele during August.
- **1,671 m3** of humanitarian cargo were received for storage at the seven warehouses the Logistics Cluster makes available to partners.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of **2,236 m3 of supplies** to 21 different locations in Tigray, Addis Ababa, Afar, Amhara and Somali regions.
- A total of **14 coordination meetings** were organised by the Logistics Cluster in Addis Ababa (online), Semera, Mekele and Shire.



The Logistics Cluster team in Mekele at the warehouse. Photo: Hugh Rutherford / WFP

Background

Although movement within Tigray remained considerable fluid, access into Tigray persisted as the main challenge in terms of cargo movement. In this sense, the route from Semera to Mekele through Abala remained as the only accessible corridor to move relief supplies into Tigray¹. Lack of fuel, cash and poor communications negatively affected the humanitarian response in the region and adjacent areas.

The Logistics Cluster, co-led by the Federal Government's National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), continued supporting the coordination of humanitarian convoys from Semera to Mekele to facilitate cargo dispatch on behalf of humanitarian actors operating in Tigray. In addition, the hubs in Tigray increased their efforts to support cargo delivery to several locations in the region.

¹ [OCHA, 31 August 2021, Tigray: Humanitarian Access Snapshot \(August 2021\)](#)

Coordination & information management

- As a response to the rapidly evolving situation, the demand for information from partners and the need for better coordination in a volatile environment, the Logistics Cluster held 14 coordination meetings - doubling the number of meetings held in July. Four hubs organised regular coordination meetings: Addis Ababa (online), Semera, Mekele and Shire. A total of 62 humanitarian actors attended these meetings, where critical logistics information was shared. The Logistics Cluster provided regular updates on its activities, the services available to the humanitarian community and the procedures to follow to access the services or join the humanitarian convoys.
- Due to the restrictions to move supplies into Tigray, there was a growing interest among the humanitarian actors to access more detailed information on the volume and type of cargo that was being dispatched in the region through the convoys. In its role of convoy coordinator, the Logistics Cluster consolidated the data available to provide regular reports to key humanitarian actors on the number of trucks, the type of cargo mobilised into Tigray, and the organisations joining these convoys.
- The Logistics Cluster published 20 information management products on the dedicated [webpage](#). Meeting minutes, monthly updates, Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) and physical constraints maps are among the main products available on the site that the Logistics Cluster maintains.

Logistics Services

- Transport and storage services were available to partners in seven logistics hubs: Adama, Addis Ababa, Kombolcha, Semera, **Shire**, Gondar and **Mekelle**. In these hubs, the Logistics Cluster provides humanitarian partners with access to common storage facilities, dedicated transport, and truck assembly points. Partners can submit their requests for storage or transport services via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org, filling the [Service Request Form \(SRF\)](#).
- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster makes available Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) that can be transported and installed where needed. The Logistics Cluster is also supporting the transportation and installation of these units, which provide a storage capacity of 320 m2.



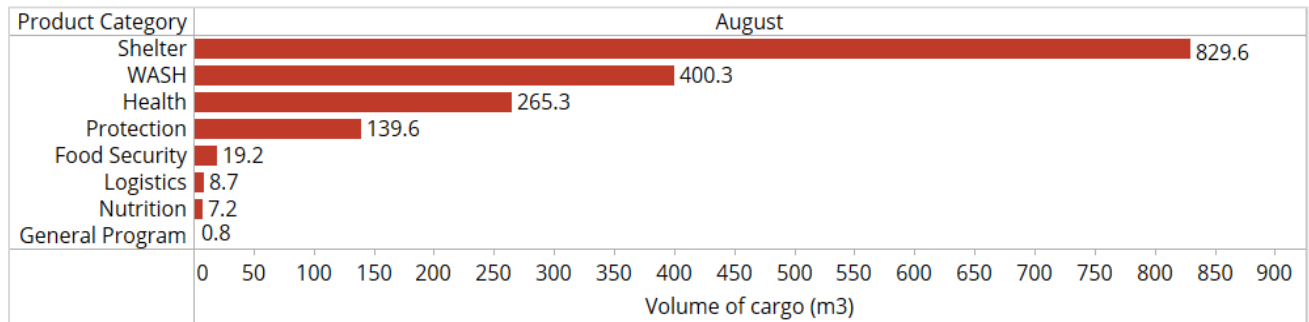
Trucks lining up in Semera ready to join the convoy to Mekele (Tigray). Photo credits: Mebrat Wondimu/Logistics Cluster

Storage

- The storage capacity across the seven hubs represents 10,740 m2, out of which 2,160m2 are inside Tigray (Shire and Mekele). In August, **1,671 m3 of supplies from 12 partners** were received at the warehouses. 61% of these supplies

were stored at the warehouse in Mekele. As shown in the graph below, Shelter and WASH supplies accounted for 73.6% of the cargo received.

Graph: Cargo received for storage in August 2021 (m3) by category of product



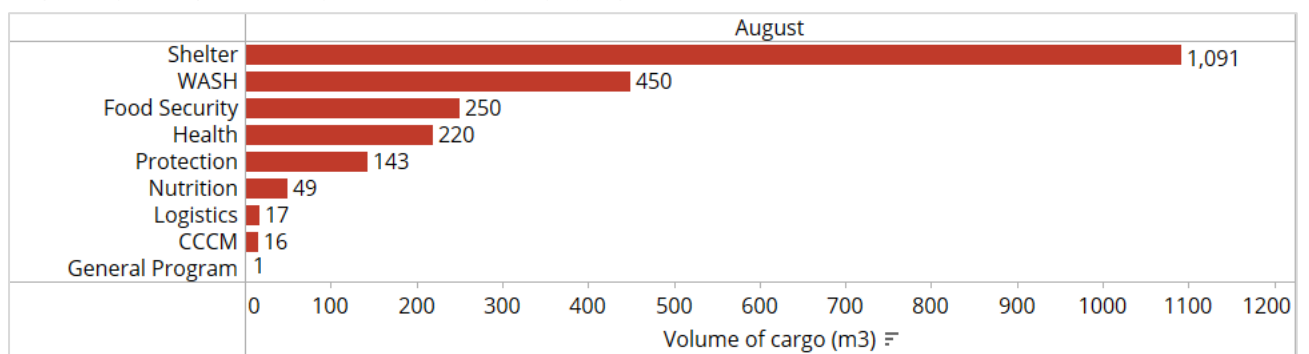
Source: Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA)

- As of 31 August, the volume of supplies stored at the warehouse on behalf of 14 partners was 1,600 m3.
- The Logistics Cluster made accessible four MSUs to two partners and supported them with their installation in Shire, Dessie and Semera. The four MSUs represent an extra capacity of more than 1,200 m2 for humanitarian supplies.

Road Transport

- Twenty humanitarian partners requested transport services to the Logistics Cluster in August. In response to these requests, a total of 2,236 m3 of supplies were dispatched to 21 locations. 89.6% of these supplies were distributed to 16 locations within Tigray.
- As displayed in the graph below, almost half of all the cargo transported were shelter supplies. Together with WASH and Food security cargo, those three sectors represented 80% of all the humanitarian cargo dispatches.

Graph: Cargo transported in August 2021 (m3) by category of product



Source: Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA)

Humanitarian convoys to Tigray:

- The Logistics Cluster continued supporting the humanitarian convoys to Tigray, coordinating the notification to be sent to the NDRMC to allow the convoy movement through the corridor from Semera to Mekele through Abala. Through this joint effort, 86 trucks coordinated or facilitated by the Logistics Cluster arrived at Mekele during August². The items transported represented 3,320 mt of life-saving supplies, out of which Food Security, Shelter and WASH supplies represented more than a half of the weight transported (56.7%)

² The figures provided in this report do not include WFP trucks.

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- Out of the 86 trucks, 37 were facilitated by the Logistics Cluster to 6 partners requesting transport services. On the other side, 49 trucks owned by 5 partners were also joining the convoys with the support of the Logistics Cluster.

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