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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 provide support for cargo delivery to several locations within the region.

In the context of increasing humanitarian needs in Afar and Amhara, the Logistics Cluster is also looking into scaling up its activities in Northern Ethiopia. In the past month, the Logistics Cluster has deployed a Field Cluster Coordinator in Bahir Dar to coordinate with the partners present on the ground as well as with the relevant authorities present in the Amhara region.

Over the past month, the Logistics Cluster has worked closely with NDRMC, the Inter Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and partners to explore the possibility of airlifts of medical supplies from Addis Ababa to Mekele airport. The Logistics Cluster has compiled information on the current needs of partners and as agreed with the ICCG, the Health Cluster has worked on the prioritization of airlifts. However, no airlifts have taken place in September.

## Coordination & information management

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- As a response to the demand for information from partners and the need for better coordination in a volatile environment, the Logistics Cluster held 12 coordination meetings. Four hubs organised regular coordination meetings: Addis Ababa (online), Semera, Mekele and Shire. A total of 56 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 existing import restrictions on certain supplies into Tigray, and the limited supply of transporters and trucks, 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 weekly reports to key humanitarian actors on the total number of trucks into Tigray since 12 July, a breakdown on the type of trucks (Logistics Cluster, Partner facilitated by Logistics Cluster and WFP), as well as a report on weekly movement into Tigray. These reports include details on the type of cargo by sector transported.
- The Logistics Cluster published 23 information management products on the dedicated [webpage](#). Meeting minutes, monthly updates, operational planning maps, and physical road constraints maps are among the main products available on the site that the Logistics Cluster maintains.

## Logistics Services

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- Transport and storage services were available to partners in seven logistics hubs: Adama, Addis Ababa, Kombolcha, Semera, **Shire**, Gondar and **Mekele**. 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](mailto: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 m<sup>2</sup>.

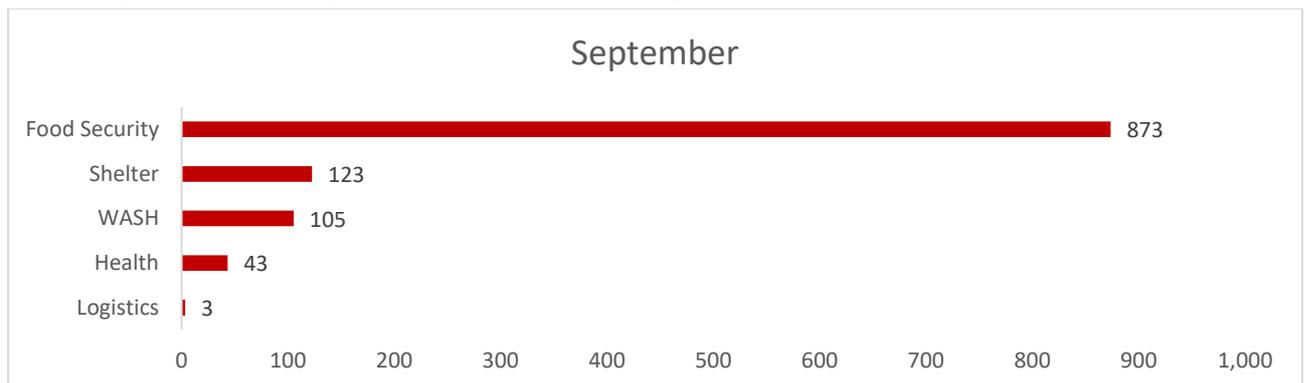


Trucks in the convoy from Semera to Mekele (Tigray). Photo credits: Mebrat Wondimu/Logistics Cluster

### Storage

- The storage capacity across the seven hubs represents 10,740 m<sup>2</sup>, out of which 2,160 m<sup>2</sup> are inside Tigray (Shire and Mekele). In September, **1,147 m<sup>3</sup> of supplies from 12 partners** were received at the warehouses. 55% of these supplies were stored at the warehouse in Adama. As shown in the graph below, Food security items accounted for 76% of the cargo received.

Graph: Cargo received for storage in September 2021 (m<sup>3</sup>) by category of product



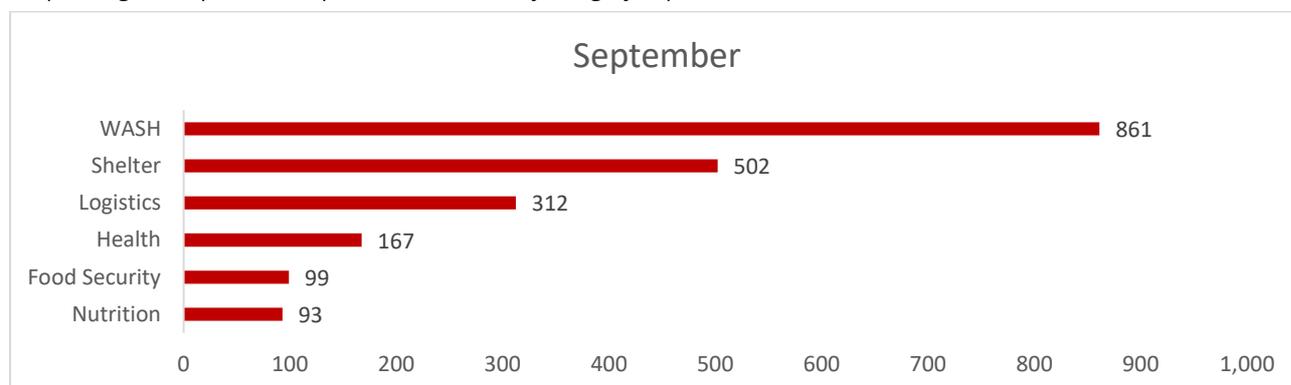
Source: Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA)

- As of 30 September, the volume of supplies stored at the warehouse on behalf of 17 partners was 1,983 m<sup>3</sup>.
- The Logistics Cluster installed two MSUs in Kombolcha to extend the Logistics Clusters capacity and have 4 MSUs in stock with full accessories.
- Four MSUs have been made available are ready for installation upon request of partners in Kombolcha, while 2 have been installed.

### Road Transport

- Twenty-two humanitarian partners requested transport services to the Logistics Cluster in September. In response to these requests, a total of 2,034 m3 of supplies on behalf of 16 partners were dispatched to 31 locations. 92% of these supplies were distributed to 27 locations within Tigray.
- As displayed in the graph below, close to half (42.3%) of all the cargo transported were WASH supplies. The cargo transported was then mainly composed of Shelter items (24.7%), Logistics (15.3%), Health (8.2%), Food Security (4.9%), Nutrition (4.6%).

Graph: Cargo transported in September 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, 146 trucks coordinated or facilitated by the Logistics Cluster arrived at Mekele during September<sup>2</sup>. The items transported represented 5,800 mt of life-saving supplies, out of which Food Security, Nutrition and Protection supplies represented more than a half of the weight transported (85.6%). The remaining cargo transported was Nutrition (5.5%), Mixed cargo (5%), Health (3.5%), Shelter (2.1%), and NFI (0.7%).
- Out of the 146 trucks, 20 were facilitated by the Logistics Cluster to 8 partners requesting transport services, and 126 trucks were partners trucks on behalf of 6 partners who joined the Logistics Cluster-coordinated convoys.

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<sup>2</sup> The figures provided in this report do not include WFP trucks.