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# Meeting Minutes, 28 October 2021

Bahir Dar, Ethiopia



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
<b>DATE</b>	18 November 2021
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Action Against Hunger (AAH), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Food Security Bureau, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP)
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners are requested to submit their <a href="#">Service Request Form (SRF)</a> via <a href="mailto:ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org">ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org</a> to access storage and transport services.</li><li>• Partners who would like to request Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) for their storage should write to <a href="mailto:ethiopia.logisticsclustermdu@wfp.org">ethiopia.logisticsclustermdu@wfp.org</a>. More information on the MSU request process can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li><li>• Partners who wish to be added to the Logistics Cluster mailing list should contact <a href="mailto:Hannah.bamberger@wfp.org">Hannah.bamberger@wfp.org</a></li><li>• Partners to share their logistics gaps and needs in the Amhara region with the Logistics Cluster via <a href="mailto:Ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org">Ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org</a>.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Introduction</li><li>• OCHA Updates</li><li>• Operational Updates</li><li>• Partner Update: ORDA Operations in Amhara</li><li>• Logistics Cluster Available Services</li><li>• FAQs and Partner Discussions</li></ul>

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

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- The Logistics Cluster initiated the meeting welcoming participants and thanking them for attending the third bi-weekly Logistics Cluster coordination meeting in Bahir Dar.

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## 1. OCHA Updates

- OCHA informed that OCHA Access Working Group has increased its footprint in Bahir Dar.
- OCHA informed Access Working Group meetings will be launched in Bahir Dar in the coming weeks
- OCHA provided access updates across the Amhara Region, and raised security concerns.
- OCHA informed that it plans to have a bilateral meeting with the authorities in the coming days to discuss accessibility in the Amhara Region

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## 2. Operational highlights

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that between 28 October and 17 November, 132 mt of supplies of behalf of 4 partners were dispatched to the Amhara region. Items fall under Food Security, Shelter and Health.
- Partners were informed that, in 11 November, the Humanitarian Country Team endorsed the extension of the Logistics Cluster activation period.
- Partners were informed about the current available storage capacity in the Amhara region, there is a 50% available space in the Kombolcha warehouse, which is 640 m<sup>2</sup>, and there is currently a 100% availability in the Gondar warehouse, which is 2,400 m<sup>2</sup>.
- The next coordination meeting in Bahir Dar will take place on Thursday, 9 December at 10:30 EAT, both online and in-person. The Logistics Cluster National Coordination Meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 November at 11:00 EAT, online.
- To be added to the mailing list to receive Logistics Cluster communications and notifications on upcoming meetings, partners should contact [hannah.bamberger@wfp.org](mailto:hannah.bamberger@wfp.org).

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## 3. Partner Update: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operations in Amhara

- CRS shared information on the background of its organisation. Partners were informed that seven organisations were in consortium, under JEOP and CRS is the lead of this consortium.
- CRS provided figures about JEOP's activities in Ethiopia.

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## 4. Available Services and how to use them

- Partners were informed about the Logistics Cluster footprint in Ethiopia: there are warehouses in 7 hubs across the country, and the warehouses in the Amhara region have a capacity of 3,840 m<sup>2</sup> (2,400 m<sup>2</sup> in Gondar and 640 m<sup>2</sup> in Kombolcha).
- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster offers transportation services to partners who require trucks to move relief items, as well as training sessions on request.
- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster holds regular coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Shire, Semera, Mekele and Bahir Dar.

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- In order to access the transport services of the Logistics Cluster, partners should submit a Service Request Form (SRF) via [ethiopia.logisticscluster@wfp.org](mailto:ethiopia.logisticscluster@wfp.org).
  - To request MSUs, partners should send an email to [ethiopia.logisticsclustermdu@wfp.org](mailto:ethiopia.logisticsclustermdu@wfp.org). More information on the MSU request process can be found [here](#).
  - To subscribe to the Logistics Cluster mailing list, partners should contact [hannah.bamberger@wfp.org](mailto:hannah.bamberger@wfp.org) as well as check <https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a> for any upcoming meetings, meeting minutes and any other relevant documentation.

## 5. FAQs and partner discussion

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- Partners shared main logistics challenges, highlighting that transportation issues remain an important challenge, following by warehouse capacity as well as prepositioning cargo.
- Partners were informed that they can reach out to the Bahir Dar Field Cluster Coordinator ([crispin.tshiamala@wfp.org](mailto:crispin.tshiamala@wfp.org)) and the Logistics Cluster Information Management Officer ([hannah.bamberger@wfp.org](mailto:hannah.bamberger@wfp.org)) if they require any additional information, or if they wish to be added to the Logistics Cluster mailing list.
- Partners were informed that all meeting minutes can be found on the Logistics Cluster website [here](#).

**The next Bahir Dar Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 11 November at 10:30 EAT.**

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