Meeting Minutes, 16 November 2021
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

LOCATION
Addis Ababa, online

DATE
16 November 2021

CHAIR
Ato Tadesse Bekele, Senior NDRMC Adviser
Andrea Rosales, Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
● Partners are requested to submit their Service Request Form (SRF) via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org to access storage and transport services.
● Partners who would like to request MSUs for their storage should write to ethiopia.logisticsclustermsu@wfp.org.
● Partners were reminded to share information on their pipeline and final destination in the Amhara Region with the Logistics Cluster for mapping and planning purposes by writing to Hannah.bamberger@wfp.org.
● Partners to inform OCHA Access Working Group of any incidents for tracking purposes by writing to Nicola.wing@un.org.
● Partners to reach out to OCHA Access Working Group mission for the mission tracking matrix if interested in connecting with other partners for staff movement planning from Addis Ababa towards Northern Ethiopia by writing to Nicola.wing@un.org.

AGENDA
● Welcome and Introduction
● NDRMC Updates
● OCHA Updates
● Operational Updates
● Training opportunities
● FAQs and Partner Discussions

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1. NDRMC Updates

- NDRMC informed partners that no updates were available, and that partners will be informed as soon as there are any updates.

2. OCHA Updates

- OCHA informed it is tracking incidents and encouraged partners to report any incidents to Nicola.wing@un.org.
- OCHA reminded the UNDSS advisory issued on 5 November advising partners to suspend operations in Afar, Eastern Amhara and Northwest Oromia. OCHA highlighted that some essential life-saving activities can continue and are continuing.
- OCHA reported that a staff convoy left Addis Ababa to Semera on 14 November and had arrived safely. No issues were reported on the route.
- OCHA shared it has a mission tracking matrix to help partners in connecting with other partners for coordinated staff movement towards Northern Ethiopia, and encouraged partners to share their planned movement by writing to Nicola.wing@un.org.
- OCHA informed there is still no cash movement into Tigray since October.
- The UNHAS flights remain suspended as of 16 November. Discussions are underway to resume UNHAS flights.
- OCHA shared that a mission to Debre Behan is currently underway for Rapid Assessment of Internally Displaced Populations (IDP) movements which will be concluded tomorrow, 17 November.
- OCHA invited all partners to report incidents to UNDSS and the OCHA Access Working Group for tracking purposes by writing to Nicola.wing@un.org.

3. Operational Highlights

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that no convoy to Tigray had taken place since 18 October.
- Regarding trucks in Semera, the Logistics Cluster shared that there are currently 31 Logistics Cluster trucks and 131 partner’s trucks.
- The Logistics Cluster shared that the new warehouse space in Addis Ababa is operational, and six partners have submitted an SRF. Additionally, the Logistics Cluster shared that 492 mt of supplies on behalf of 3 partners were ready to be received as of today.
- In the past week, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 20 mt of seed from Adama to two locations in the Amhara region.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded that it is actively compiling information on the pipeline of partners active in the Amhara region for planning purposes and requested partners to share this information with the Logistics Cluster by writing to hannah.bamberger@wfp.org.

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The Logistics Cluster shared that on 11 November, the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) endorsed the extension of the Logistics Cluster for an additional 12 months, until November 2022.

The available storage space of the Logistics Cluster as of 16 November is as follows: 82% of the warehouse capacity in Addis Ababa is available, 3% in Semera, 100% in Gondar, 50% in Kombolcha, 68% in Mekele and 69% in Shire. There is no available capacity in Semera.

The next coordination meetings are in Mekele at 15:00 EAT today in person and online, and in Bahir Dar in person on 18 November at 10:30 EAT. To receive the link for the coordination meeting in Mekele, please address your request to abriha.assefa@wfp.org.

To be added to the mailing list to receive Logistics Cluster communications and notifications on upcoming meetings and training opportunities, partners should contact hannah.bamberger@wfp.org.

### 4. Training Opportunities

The Logistics Cluster shared it is planning to start tailoring trainings by sector for partners active in Ethiopia.

The Logistics Cluster informed partners that an in-person training is planned for 18 and 19 November in the Logistics Cluster Addis Ababa warehouse. The training will focus on the storage and management of food commodities.

Interested partners have until 16 November 17:00 EAT to notify their interest by writing to gianluca.sapienza@wfp.org.

### 4. FAQs and partner discussion

A partner asked whether any trucks had moved from Semera to Addis Ababa. The Logistics Cluster informed that four Logistics Cluster trucks on behalf of one partner had left Semera to Addis Ababa.

A partner asked whether there were any updates regarding convoy movements into Tigray. The Logistics Cluster shared that high level discussions both at federal, regional and community levels were ongoing, and partners will be notified as soon as there are any developments.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23 November at 11:00 EAT.

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