Meeting Minutes, 1 March 2022
Mekele, Ethiopia

LOCATION
Mekele

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
African Humanitarian Aid and Development Agency (AHADA), Concern World Wide (CWW), Imagine 1 Day (I1D), Innovative Humanitarian Solutions (IHS), International Committee for the Development of Peoples (CISP), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), Oxfam, Plan International Ethiopia (PIE), SNV Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP)

ACTION POINTS
• Partners wishing to access transport and storage services to submit the Service Request Form (SRF) via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org
• Partners wishing to access the Logistics Cluster-facilitated airlifts have to (1) obtain the necessary clearance from the authorities (independently from the Logistics Cluster) and in parallel (2) should coordinate with the Health Cluster and share the details of their cargo with the Health Cluster Coordinator (Beatrice Muraguri, bmuraguri@who.org) to be included in the prioritisation list and with Nutrition Cluster Coordinator (Wondayferam Gemeda, wgemeda@unicef.org) (3) Partners are then requested to submit a Service Request Form (SRF). For additional information, kindly contact hannah.bamberger@wfp.org. Further information can be found in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) published online
• Partners to contact their respective clusters for mobilizing list of items for prioritization of items to be supported through airlift.

AGENDA
1.Welcome and Introduction
2.UNHAS Updates
3.OCHA Updates
4. Operational Updates
5. Humanitarian Convoys
6. Air Operations Update
7. FAQs and Partner Discussion

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1. Welcome and Introductions

- Partners were welcomed and encouraged to participate in all Logistics Cluster hubs meetings as they are critical for sharing information and for timely coordination of common services.

2. UNHAS Updates

- Partners were informed that UNHAS passenger flights (Addis Ababa - Mekele - Addis Ababa) are scheduled for every Tuesday and Thursday. Two flights took place last week.
- Partners were advised that every travel must be booked online through the passenger focal point four working days prior to the travel date. Partners were invited to send the necessary documents to UNHAS.ethiopia@wfp.org, rahel.teklay@wfp.org and aregay.gebremichael@wfp.org.

3. OCHA Updates

- OCHA informed partners that there is no change regarding access within Tigray and reported that approximately 75% of Tigray is accessible except West Tigray and areas bordering Eritrea.
- OCHA shared that the road from Mekelle to Waja (Southern Tigray) is fully accessible as concluded by the joint road assessment mission to Waja conducted last week.
- OCHA advised that the Mekelle – Kobo - Weldiya road could be used as an alternative route for humanitarian convoys into Tigray.
- For further information, partners are encouraged to contact tsegaye.kahsay@un.org

4. Operational Updates

- Partners were informed that 4.3 mt of medical supplies belonging to one partner were dispatched from the warehouse in Mekele on 28 February.
- Partners were also reminded that given the current situation, the Logistics Cluster can only support partners with inland transport upon request, provided the partners secure fuel.
- Partners were informed about the current warehouse information for Mekele. The total size of the warehouse is 1,600 m2. Currently, 560 m2 is occupied by cargo on behalf of six partners, representing a warehouse occupation of 35%.
- Partners were reminded that to access transport and storage services facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, they are requested to submit the Service Request Form [SRF] to ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org.
5. Humanitarian convoys

- Partners were informed that convoys remain on hold since 14 December. Six partner trucks facilitated by the Logistics Cluster of 113 mt Shelter NFIs have been offloaded in the warehouse in Semera.
- Partners were also informed that a convoy of 20 WFP fleet trucks (10 WFP and 10 cargo trucks on behalf of one partner) with 600 MT of food items is planned for departure through Semera - Mekele corridor. The Logistics Cluster shared that the EDRMC clearance for this convoy had already been received. However this convoy is still on hold, pending final authorizations from authorities and stakeholders on the ground.

6. Air Operations Update

- Partners were informed that approximately 47 mt (30.5 mt of Nutrition and 16.5 mt of Health items) of prioritized, life-saving Nutrition and Health items on behalf of four partners were airlifted successfully between 23 February to 1 March through the Logistics Cluster.
- Partners were also informed that a Boeing 737 with a max capacity of 13 mt is operational since 25 February.

7. FAQs and Partner Discussion

- Some partners shared highlights of their humanitarian operations for the past week. One partner shared that it transported the airlifted medical supplies directly to Shire using contracted transporters. The partner emphasized it is also collaborating with regional health authorities for the distribution of health items.
- Since the current prioritization (life-saving health and nutrition cargo) was agreed under the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group, partners were suggested to contact their respective clusters if they want to advocate for the inclusion of new items in the prioritization list.
- The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to contact the Health and Nutrition Clusters for cargo prioritization. The focal points are as follows: Nutrition Cluster, Wondayferam Gemeda wgemeda@unicef.org and Health Cluster, Beatrice Muraguri bmuraguri@who.int

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting in Mekele is scheduled for Tuesday 8 March 2022 at WFP Conference Room 15:00 EAT and online.
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