LOCATION
Mekele

DATE
8 March 2022

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
ACTED, Action for Social Development and Environmental Protection Organization (ASDEPO), African Humanitarian Aid and Development Agency (AHADA), Concern Worldwide (CWW), Food for the Hungry Ethiopia (FHE), 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), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Plan International Ethiopia (PIE), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Health Organization (WHO), 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 OIC (Patrick Abok, abokp@who.int to be included in the prioritisation list and with Nutrition Cluster Coordinator OIC, Antenedh Dobamo) (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 percent of Tigray is accessible except West Tigray and areas bordering Eritrea. However, OCHA advised partners to stay vigilant due to the volatile situation.
- OCHA informed assessments are being carried out to look for different inland routes which could be used as humanitarian corridor to Tigray.
- For further information, partners are encouraged to contact tsegaye.kahsay@un.org

4. Operational Updates

- Partners were informed that approximately 13 mt of medical supplies belonging to one partner were dispatched from the warehouse in Mekele between 1 March and 4 March to be distributed to the health centres in Mekele and Enderta wereda. The fuel and vehicle were secured by the partner.
- 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, 400 m2 is occupied by cargo on behalf of six partners, representing a warehouse occupation of 25 percent.
- 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.
The Logistics Cluster supported seven partners with the offloading of 260 mt of Shelter NFIs 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 authorisations from authorities and stakeholders on the ground.

6. Air Operations Update

The Logistics Cluster facilitated the airlift of approximately 87.7 mt of prioritised, life-saving humanitarian cargo (87 mt of nutrition and 0.7 mt of health items) on behalf of three partners between 1 March and 4 March.

7. FAQs and Partner Discussion

Since the current prioritisation (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 prioritisation list.

The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to contact the Health and Nutrition Clusters for cargo prioritisation. The focal points are as follow: Nutrition Cluster, Wondayferam Gemeda wgemedua@unicef.org and Health Cluster, Beatrice Muraguri bmuraguri@who.int

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

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