LOCATION: Bahir Dar

DATE: 9 March 2022

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: Action Africa Help International (AAH-I), Afro Ethiopia Integrated Development (AEID), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Food and Agriculture (FAO), Food for the Hungry (FH), United Nations High Commissioner for refugee (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision International (WVI)

ACTION POINTS:

• Partners are requested to submit their Service Request Form (SRF) via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org to access storage and transport services, including the request for mobile Storage Units (MSUs). More information on the MSU request process can be found here.

• Partners who wish to be added to the Logistics Cluster mailing list should contact Hannah.bamberger@wfp.org

AGENDA:

• Welcome and Introduction
• OCHA updates
• Partner updates: FH Ethiopia
• Partners Updates: Afro Ethiopia Integrated Development
• Operational Highlights
• Logistics services and how to access them
• FAQs and Partner Discussions

1. Welcome and Introductions

• The Logistics Cluster initiated the meeting welcoming participants to the bi-weekly Logistics Cluster coordination meeting in Bahir Dar.

2. OCHA Updates

• OCHA provided updates on access in the Amhara region. It indicated that most of the Amhara region was accessible by road. However, constraints close to the borders with Tigray remain, especially in the areas of Waghmera, North Wollo and North Gondar.

• OCHA also shared there was a report that Metema Yohannes - Gelebat check point reopened for access to North Gondar zone.
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- OCHA informed that a multi-agency needs assessment led by the government is ongoing across seven zones covering the period from 4 March to 17 March.
- OCHA shared that increasing influx of IDPs in Kobo zones has been reported.
- To request further information please contact: gillian.reid-schachter@un.org

3. Food for the Hungry Updates

- FH shared their current operations in Waghmera and South Gondar. FH explained that, until now a total of 5,325 mt of food had been dispatched for 66,000 beneficiaries to various woredas of South Gondar and Waghmera zone.
- FH provided shared some information on its upcoming activities.

4. Afro Ethiopia Integrated Development Updates

- AEID shared that it had conducted WASH and SNFI projects in North Shewa and South Gondar.
- AEID provided their ongoing operations in WASH activities in North Gondar, especially in the area of Debarek town.

5. Operational highlight

- The Logistic Cluster presented operational highlights covering the past two weeks from 23 February to 8 March.
- The Logistics Cluster shared that a total of 5.45 mt of protection items which includes kitchen sets and plastic tarpaulin were received in Kombolcha warehouse on behalf of one partner.
- In Bahir Dar, The Logistics Cluster has received approval from the regional authorities for the rental of a warehouse. The Logistics Cluster is following up to finalise the rental process.
- Partners were informed about the current available storage capacity of the Logistics Cluster across Ethiopia. In the Amhara region, there is a 50 percent available space in the Kombolcha warehouse with a total capacity of 1,000 m2 and 50 percent available space in Gondar warehouse for a total capacity of 2,400 m2.
- The next coordination meeting in Bahir Dar will take place on Wednesday 23 March 10:30 EAT, both online and in-person in Bahir Dar.
- The next Logistics Cluster National Coordination Meeting will take place on Tuesday 15 March at 11:00 EAT, online.
- To be added to the Logistics Cluster Ethiopia mailing list, kindly contact Hannah.bamberger@wfp.org

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6. Logistics Services and how to access them

- There are warehouses in seven hubs across the country. The warehouses in the Amhara region have a total capacity of 3,400 m² (2,400 m² in Gondar and 1,000 m² in Kombolcha). The Logistics Cluster also provides Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) for partners wishing to expand their storage capacity, upon request.
- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster offers access to 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, Mekele and Bahir Dar.
- In order to access the transport and storage services, partners should submit a Service Request Form (SRF) via ethiopia.logisticscluster.cargo@wfp.org. To request MSUs, partners must submit the MSU request form to the same email address.
- To subscribe to the Logistics Cluster mailing list, partners should contact hannah.bamberger@wfp.org, eyerusalem.amha@wfp.org as well as check https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a for any upcoming meetings, meeting minutes and any other relevant documentation.

7. FAQs and partner discussion

- Partners asked for procedure to access transport services, The Logistics cluster requested partner to submit a Service Request Form (SRF) via ethiopia.logisticscluster.cargo@wfp.org.
- For any information related to the Logistics Cluster services, partners can reach out to Gianluca Sapienza, Roving Logistics Cluster Officer currently in Bahir Dar: gianluca.sapienza@wfp.org

The next Bahir Dar Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 23 March at 10:30 EAT.

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