Meeting Minutes, 23 March 2022
Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

LOCATION
Bahir Dar

DATE
23 March 2022

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Food for the Hungry (FH), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP)

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
• Partners to share their logistical gaps and needs in the Amhara region with the Logistics Cluster via Ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org.

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

1. Welcome and Introductions
• The Logistics Cluster initiated the meeting by welcoming participants to the bi-weekly Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting in Bahir Dar.

2. OCHA Updates
• OCHA provided updates on access points in Amhara region. Access by road has improved in most of the Amhara. However, constraints close to the borders with Tigray remain a challenge, especially in the areas of Waghmera, North Wollo and North Gondar.
• OCHA informed that the number of IDPs in Kobo, North Wollo is increasing to over 57,000 IDPs and in the Waghmera zones to over 61,000 IDPs.

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- OCHA also informed partners of the relocation that is currently taking place in the Jara site.
- OCHA reported that detailed Metema Yohannes-Gelebat checkpoint was reopened for access.
- A joint road assessment mission is planned by IOM and UNDSS in North Gondar zone.
- To request further information please contact: gillian.reid-schachter@un.org

3. GOAL Ethiopia Updates

- GOAL briefed on their operation activities: service provision of health, nutrition, WASH, NFIs and cash based projects in North Shewa. Additionally, GOAL provided six rental vehicles for different assessment-based missions, including the recent joint rapid assessment in South Wollo and North Shewa.

4. Food for the Hungry Updates

- FH shared their current operations on food distribution in Waghmera and South Gondar. Until now, FH has dispatched a total of 10,535 MT of food to 400,904 beneficiaries to various woredas of South Gondar and Waghmera zone.

5. Operational highlight

- The Logistic Cluster presented operational highlights covering the past two weeks from 9 to 23 March.
- The logistic Cluster shared that a total of 5 MT of WASH cargo was received in Kombolcha warehouse on behalf of one partner.
- A partner retrieved 8.6 mt of WASH and Shelter items from Kombolcha warehouse for distribution. The partner used their own trucks and fuel.
- Partners were informed about the current available storage capacity across Ethiopia. In the Amhara region, there is a 60% available space in the Kombolcha warehouse (total capacity: 1,000 m²) and 50% available space in Gondar warehouse (total capacity: 2,400 m²).
- The next coordination meeting in Bahir Dar will take place on Wednesday, 6 April 10:30 EAT, both online and in-person in Bahir Dar. The next Logistics Cluster National Coordination Meeting will take place on Tuesday 29 March at 11:00 EAT, online.
- To be added to the Logistics Cluster Ethiopia mailing list, kindly contact Hannah.bamberger@wfp.org

6. Logistics Services and how to access them

- There are warehouses in 7 hubs across the country, and the warehouses in the Amhara region have a total storage 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.
- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster offers access to transportation services to partners who require trucks to move relief items.

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• Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster holds regular coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Shire, Semera, Mekele and Bahir Dar.

• To access the transport and storage services, partners should submit a Service Request Form (SRF) via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@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

7. FAQs and partner discussion

• Partner asked FH Ethiopia to share their experience regarding accessibility to Zequala.

• GOAL Ethiopia shared additional updates on the assessment in Jara site and explained critical gaps in food, shelter, and health services were identified. Additionally, GOAL requested to increase humanitarian presence in this area.

The next Bahir Dar Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 6 April at 10:30 EAT.

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