Meeting Minutes, 22 March 2022
Mekele, Ethiopia

LOCATION
Mekele

DATE
22 March 2022

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
African Humanitarian Aid and Development Agency (AHADA), Action for Social Development and Environmental Protection Organization (ASDEPO), Concern World Wide (CWW), Family Health International (FHI), Food for the Hungry Ethiopia (FHE), Imagine 1 Day (I1D), Innovative Humanitarian Solutions (IHS), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Plan International Ethiopia (PIE), Save the Children International (SCI), SNV Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV), 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). (2) In parallel, coordinate with the Health Cluster Coordinator (Endalemaw Aberra (WHO)- aberae@who.int and the Nutrition Cluster Coordinator (Wondayferam Gemeda (UNICEF)), wgemeda@unicef.org to be included in the prioritisation list. (3) 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 prioritisation to be dispatched through the airlifts.

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

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1. Welcome and Introductions

- Partners were welcomed and encouraged to participate in all Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings across all hubs 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. Operational Updates

- Partners were informed that 3.3 mt of medical supplies belonging to one partner was dispatched from Mekele warehouse between 15 and 18 March to be distributed to Shire, Selekleka hospitals and to Hewo hospital, Quiha.
- Partners were also informed that 0.05 mt of medical supplies belonging to one partner were dispatched from Mekele warehouse on 16 March to be distributed to hospitals in Eastern Zone (Adigrat, Fatsi, Wukro and Freweni)
- 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 warehouse capacity is 1,600 m². Currently, 450 m² are occupied by cargo from seven partners, representing a warehouse occupation of approximately 28%.
- 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.

4. Humanitarian convoys

- Partners were informed that convoy remains on hold since 14 December 2021.
- Partners were also informed that the test convoy is still in Semera waiting for the necessary approval from local authorities on the ground.

5. Air Operations Update

- Partners were informed that approximately 95.5 mt of prioritised life-saving nutrition and health items on behalf of two partners were airlifted successfully between 16 and 19 March through the Logistics Cluster.
Partners were also informed that the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) prioritised additional sectors in the following order: Health, Nutrition, WASH, Emergency Shelter and NFI, and Agriculture.

6. FAQs and Partner Discussion

- Some partners flagged why the test convoy is still on hold. The Logistics Cluster explained that, due to the operational challenges and the security situation in Afar, it is not conducive for the convoy movement currently.
- The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to contact the Health and Nutrition Clusters for cargo prioritisation. The Health Cluster Coordinator a.i (Endalemaw Aberra (WHO)) aberae@who.int and the Nutrition Cluster Coordinator (Wondayeram Gemeda (UNICEF)) wgemeda@unicef.

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting in Mekele is scheduled for Tuesday 29 March 2022 at WFP Conference Room 15:00 EAT and online.

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