1. Welcome and Introductions

- The Logistics Cluster welcomed attendees, introduced its members in Addis Ababa and Semera and shared their contact details.
- Contact details for the Logistics Cluster can all be found on the dedicated webpage

2. OCHA Updates

- OCHA shared updates on Convoy movements to Mekele and informed no convoy movements have taken place since 14 December due to access constraints at the Afar-Tigray corridor.
- OCHA updated a mission was held in the Afar region from Semera to Afedera on 24 February. OCHA stated more clarifications will be shared at the upcoming national Logistics Cluster coordination meeting on 1 March.
- OCHA shared that the Addis Ababa - Semera route using the A1 via Awash was reportedly accessible but that the A1 route from Awash to Semera was subject to some access constraints on Sunday 20 February.
due to protests. However, OCHA said this route is not blocked anymore at the time of reporting but advised partners to proceed with caution when traveling along this route.

- For further details kindly contact Nicola.wing@un.org.

### 3. Action Against Hunger (AAH) Updates

- Action Against Hunger shared updates on their programmes in the Afar region, highlighting that Action Against Hunger was currently carrying out food and WASH items distributions in three woredas in Afar.
- Additionally, it was mentioned that about 1.6 mt of food items has been distributed in the Afar region so far.

### 4. Operational Updates

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners the last convoy arrival in Mekele was on 14 December and that due to operational challenges, access constraints along the Semera-Mekele corridor persist.
- Partners were informed that a convoy composed of 20 WFP Fleet trucks carrying food items on behalf of WFP and CRS have received clearance from EDRMC for movement along the Semera-Mekele corridor. However, final clearances on the ground are pending before the movement of the convoy can take place.
- Partners were informed that two partners collected 340 mt of SNFIs from the Logistics Cluster warehouse for Afar distribution and offloading of two partner trucks will take place in the coming week.
- The Logistics Cluster shared updates on trucks Semera -Mekele
  - All 25 Logistics Cluster facilitated trucks have been offloaded.
  - Four trucks carrying 146.5 mt of food have been loaded from the Logistics Cluster warehouse on behalf of one partner for Afar distribution.
- Partners were informed that 5,400 m2 of storage space is secured at the Semera warehouse space, for partners upon request.
- The logistics cluster shared with partners that in the past week, 13.5 mt of lifesaving, prioritized medical cargo was airlifted from Addis Ababa to Mekele on behalf of four partners.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners on 22 February of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for partners was shared via the mailing list.
- Partners were notified that a Boeing 737 with a maximum capacity of 13 mt was cleared on February 23 and is scheduled to fly two rotations on 25 February with 20 mt of nutrition items on behalf of one partner and up to approximatley 5 mt of health items on behalf of one partner, pending final approvals.
- The Logistics Cluster shared the weekly meeting with Nutrition and Health Cluster Coordinators was held on 24 February for the planning of the upcoming airlift through the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners of the scheduled airlift for the coming week at, pending final clearance, an airlift of 30 mt of nutrition supplies and 10 mt of medical supplies is scheduled on behalf of two partners this week.

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5. Available services and how to use them

- The Logistics Cluster presented an overview of its mission and the services it provides to partners, including information management, coordination, and capacity building, as well as free access to logistics common services. Further details can be found in the [Concept of Operations (ConOps)](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a).

- The Logistics Cluster monitors the implementation of its strategy and reports on its activities on the webpage. It provides regular updates on the cargo facilitated, the logistics bottlenecks and updates the Physical Road Constraints Map regularly [published in the dedicated webpage](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a).

- The Logistics Cluster also makes available Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) for partners wishing to expand their storage capacity.

- WFP, through the Logistics Cluster is also mandated to enhance coordinated response in the field of logistics in Northern Ethiopia Response. In Semera, the Logistics Cluster participates in the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and the Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) meetings and holds bi-weekly Logistics Cluster coordination meetings. To be added to the mailing list and receive the invitation, kindly write to [leonard.vincent@wfp.org](mailto:leonard.vincent@wfp.org).

- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster facilitates access to transportation services to partners who require trucks to move relief items.

- The Logistics Cluster also supports partners through training sessions on request.

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

6. FAQs and partner discussion

- A partner thanked the Logistics Cluster team for the overall support they received in Semera.

- Additionally, the partner enquired clarification on the SRF process to receive storage service for medical supplies at the Semera warehouse. The Logistics Cluster reminded that Partners are requested to submit their [Service Request Form (SRF)](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a) via [ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org) to access storage and transport services.

- A discussion was held on how one partner arranged a commercial truck to distribute the medical items to the community. The partner explained they use a local car rent transport company. The partner can be contacted for further information regarding transport services in Afar region by writing to: [fpm@et-actionagainsthunger.org](mailto:fpm@et-actionagainsthunger.org).

- A partner asked the Logistics Cluster about the Semera - Mekele corridor updates. The Logistics Cluster informed that security assessments are ongoing, and partners will be notified of any updates in the status of the convoy movements.
The next Coordination Meeting in Semera is scheduled for Friday 11 March at 10:30 EAT

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