Meeting Minutes, 15 March 2022
Mekele, Ethiopia

LOCATION

Mekele

DATE

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CHAIR

Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS

African Humanitarian Aid and Development Agency (AHADA), Food for the Hungry Ethiopia (FHE), Imagine 1 Day (IID), Innovative Humanitarian Solutions (IHS), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Plan International Ethiopia (PIE), SNV Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 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. Coordinate with:
     - The Health Cluster Coordinator (Beatrice Muraguri, bmuraguri@who.org) to be included in the prioritisation list
     - The Nutrition Cluster Coordinator (Wondayferam Gemeda, wgemeda@unicef.org)
  3. 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

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 Introduction

- 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.
- Partners were advised that every travel plan 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 highlighted that there is no change in the security situation in Tigray.
- OCHA flagged that there is no humanitarian corridor into Tigray currently.
- For further information, partners are encouraged to contact tsegaye.kahsay@un.org

4. Operational Updates

- Partners were informed that approximately 1.08 mt of medical supplies belonging to one partner was dispatched from the warehouse in Mekele on 10 March. The medical items were collected by Kidanemihret hospital, Adwa by the partner.
- Partners were also informed that the Logistics Cluster received approximately 7 mt of medical items at the warehouse belonging to two partners between 9 March and 11 March.
- 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, 480 m² is occupied by cargo on the behalf of six partners, representing a warehouse occupation rate of 30%.
- 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 containing food commodities remain on hold since 14 December waiting for regional authorities to allow the convoy to move forward. Seven partner trucks of NFI items and
four partner trucks of food items facilitated by the Logistics Cluster have been off-loaded in Semera warehouse

6. Air Operations Update

- Partners were informed that approximately 17.8 mt of prioritized life-saving health items on the behalf of four partners were airlifted successfully between 9 and 11 March through the Logistics Cluster.
- Partners were also informed that Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) prioritized additional Clusters in the respective order: Health and Nutrition (WASH, ES/NFI, and Agriculture clusters)

7. FAQs and Partner Discussion

- One partner shared that it transported a total of 40.5 mt of medical items by air from Addis Ababa to Mekele. It also highlighted that the distribution is going on specially to prisons by carts.
- Since the current prioritization (life-saving health and nutrition cargo) was agreed under the ICCG, partners were suggested to contact their respective Clusters if they want to advocate for the inclusion of new items in the prioritization list.
- The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to contact the Health and Nutrition Clusters for cargo prioritization. The focal points are as follow: Health Cluster Coordinator Patrick Abok, abokp@who.int and Nutrition Cluster Coordinator Wondayferam Gemeda, wgemeda@unicef.org.

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting in Mekele is scheduled for Tuesday 22 March 2022 at WFP Conference Room 15:00 EAT and online.

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