Operational Highlights

- There were no humanitarian convoys crossing into Tigray through the Semera-Mekele corridor during the month of March. This was due to operational and access challenges that continued hampering the convoy movement through the humanitarian corridor.
- In light of the continued challenges faced in inland transportation, the Logistics Cluster, in close collaboration with United National Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS), continued to airlift lifesaving cargo on behalf of the humanitarian community. In March, **289.5 mt** of health and nutrition cargo were airlifted on behalf of nine partners from Addis Ababa to Mekelle.
- A total of **14 coordination meetings** were organised by the Logistics Cluster in Addis Ababa (online), Mekelle, Bahir Dar and Shire to which **59 different partners** participated.
- The Logistics Cluster published 14 meeting minutes from the different coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, Bahir Dar, and Shire, as well as updated **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** for Airlifts.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated a **MSU Installation and Dismantling** training between 14 and 17 March, to which 23 participants from 12 organisations participated.
Background
Convoy movements to Mekele via the humanitarian corridor in Afar continued to be hampered by significant access restrictions and other logistical challenges, resulting in no convoy movements in March 2022. On the other hand, the Logistics Cluster progressed the airlift operations of essential health and nutrition cargo between Addis Ababa and Mekele. As a result, the Logistics Cluster did continue airlift operations in March, using aircraft with a capacity of 13 metric tons per rotation and UNHAS Passenger aircraft with a capacity of 5 metric tons per rotation, resulting in a significant increase in airlift capacity.
In March, the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group added three more clusters to the current prioritisation list (health and nutrition cargo). WASH, ES/NFI, and Agriculture cargo can now be considered for airlifts.

The relevant Clusters Coordinators are responsible for coordinating with their partners to determine which cargo should be prioritised for airlift through the Logistics Cluster. The Logistics Cluster ensures that all partners are in line and that airlift services to partner organisations are provided at no cost to the user organisation.

In the past month, the Logistics Cluster supported the airlift of 289.5 mt of prioritised health and nutrition cargo on behalf of nine partners.

Coordination and Information Management

- The Logistics Cluster held regular coordination meetings in four hubs across Ethiopia to share up-to-date logistical-related information and offer a venue for the humanitarian community to address logistics challenges.
- In March, the Logistics Cluster had a total of 14 coordination meetings in Addis Ababa (online), Mekele, Bahir Dar, and Shire, to which 59 different partners actively participated.
- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster published 15 information management products on the dedicated webpage in the month of March, including meeting minutes and one updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs):
  - The Logistics Cluster published 14 meeting minutes from the different coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekele, Bahir Dar, and the Shire.
  - The Logistics Cluster also published the updated Standard Operations Procedures (SOPs) for airlifts in order to guide partner organisations in how to access airlift services through the Logistics Cluster. This document will be updated regularly with the Logistics Cluster in order to incorporate any relevant information regarding airlift procedures.

Logistics Services

- Logistics services remained available to partners through seven hubs of the Logistics Cluster in Ethiopia, subject to access and security constraint. In these hubs, the Logistics Cluster provides humanitarian partners with access to common storage facilities, dedicated transport, and truck assembly points. Partners can submit their requests for storage or transport services via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org, filling out the Service Request Form (SRF).
Additionally, the Logistics Cluster makes available Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) that can be transported and installed where needed. The Logistics Cluster also supports the transportation and installation of these units, which provide a storage capacity of 320 m².

Trainings

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated a training on *Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) Installation and Dismantling* at the Kality Warehouse in Addis Ababa in two sessions between 14 and 17 March 2022. The training aimed to instruct partners on how to install and dismantle MSUs on an independent level.
- During the training, 23 participants from 12 organisations, including EDRMC, a government counterpart. Out of the total participants were 13% female and 87% male.
Storage

- In March, the Logistics Cluster received 5,723 m³ of humanitarian supplies on behalf of thirteen partners for storage. Most of the cargo received was stored in Addis Ababa (37%) and Adama (4%), while 31% were received in Afar, 14% in Tigray and 13% in Amhara.
- Out of the cargo received in March, 44% is destined to Tigray, 31% to Afar, 13% to Amhara, 8% to Addis Ababa and 4% Adama.
- The cargo received for storage in March falls under seven categories: Most of the cargo received falls under nutrition (41%), followed by Shelter (20%), Food Security (12%), Protection (10%), Early Recovery (8%), WASH (6%), and Health (2%).

Graph: Cargo received for storage (m³) in March 2022 by category of product

- As of 31 March, the Logistics Cluster was storing 7,042 m³ on behalf of twenty-six partners across the Logistics Cluster-facilitated warehouses in Adama, Addis Ababa, Kombolcha, Semera, Mekele, and Shire.
- In total, 19,440 m² of storage space was made available to partners in March 2022. To accommodate the slowdown in inland transport to Tigray, Addis Ababa’s capacity was increased, and two MSUs were placed in Kality, adding an extra 640m² storage capacity.
Road and Air Transport

- In March, the Logistics Cluster transported 488 mt of humanitarian cargo on behalf of twelve partners, destined to four regions: Afar, Amhara, Oromia and Tigray.
- Out of the 488 mt transported, 289.5 mt were airlifted through the Logistics Cluster with the close collaboration of UNHAS. The airlifted cargo was primarily Nutrition items (92%), and the remaining was health cargo (8%).
- The graph below shows the type of products transported on behalf of partners in the reporting month. The majority of the items were Nutrition supplies (81%), followed by Health supplies (9%), Food Security (4 %), Shelter (4%) and WASH (1%).

Graph: Cargo transported (mt) in March 2022 by category of product

Source: Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA)