Meeting Minutes, 4 May 2022
Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

LOCATION
Bahir Dar

DATE
4 May 2022

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
• Partners are requested to submit their Service Request Form (SRF) via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org to access storage and transport services and to request MSUs, partners must submit the MSU request form to the same email address. 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 logistics gaps and needs in the Amhara region with the Logistics Cluster via Ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org.

AGENDA
• Welcome and Introduction
• Situation updates
• Humanitarian Logistics Operations
• Logistics cluster Concept of Operations
• FAQs and Partner Discussions

1. Welcome and Introductions

• The Logistics Cluster initiated the meeting welcoming participants to the bi-weekly Logistics Cluster coordination meeting in Bahir Dar.

https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a
2. Situation Updates

UNICEF Cash Working Group Updates
- UNICEF, on behalf of the Cash Working Group, briefly explained the objectives, principles and targeting criteria of communities for humanitarian cash transfer programmes in the Amhara region.
- The Amhara regional technical Cash Working Group is co-lead by the Bureau of Women, Children and Social Affairs (BOWCSA) and regional branch of the Ethiopia Disaster and Risk Management Commission (EDRM). The Cash Working Group is co-chaired by UNICEF and Plan International.
- UNICEF, on behalf of the Cash Working Group, also provided an update on the ongoing partner resource mapping exercise.
- UNICEF on behalf of the Cash Working Group also informed that the Amhara region cash working Group, with leadership of Bureau of Women, Children and Social Affairs (BOWCSA) and regional Disaster and Risk Management Commission (DRMC) is planning to conduct a joint market assessment in Amhara region.

3. Humanitarian Logistics operation

Food for the Hungry (FH) Updates
- FH shared operation updates on their WASH activities they are implementing in the region, and highlighted the challenges induced by the lack of potential vendors to transport water to Sahala woreda.

Action Against Hunger (AAH) Updates
- AAH briefed currently engaged in multi sectoral emergency response, nutrition response and cash assistance projects in the region.
- AAH also shared they cooperate with the government to transport and store supplementary nutrition commodities in Waghemra zones.

Logistics Cluster operations
- The Logistic Cluster presented operational highlights of the Amhara region, covering the past two weeks from 20 April to 3 May.
- During the reporting period, one partner retrieved 24.3 mt of Health, WASH and shelter items from the Kombolcha warehouse. The partner used their own trucks and fuel.

4. Logistics cluster Concept of Operations

- The Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations can be found online.
Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster holds regular coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Shire, Mekele and Bahir Dar.

The next coordination meeting in Bahir Dar will take place on Wednesday, 18 May at 10:30 EAT, both online and in person. The next Logistics Cluster National Coordination Meeting will take place today, Thursday 4 May at 15:00 EAT online.

To subscribe to the Logistics Cluster mailing list, partners should contact hannah.bamberger@wfp.org, eyerusalem.amha@wfp.org

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The Logistics Cluster supports the humanitarian community responding to the Northern Ethiopia Response through information sharing.

Meeting minutes, Physical Access Constraint maps and other relevant logistics information management products can be found on the website: https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a

SERVICES

There are warehouses in 7 hubs across the country, and the warehouses in the Amhara region have a capacity of 3,400 m² (2,400 m² in Gondar and 1,000 m² in Kombolcha).

The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) for partners wishing to expand their storage capacity.

Additionally, the Logistics Cluster offers access to transportation and storage services, as well as training sessions on request.

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5. FAQs and partner discussion

A partner requested AAH for more details on the selection criteria for their cash assistance projects.

The next Bahir Dar Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 18 May at 10:30 EAT.

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