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(UNFPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Office for the
Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), USAID, Welthungerhilfe, World Food Programme
(WFP), World Health Organisation (WHO), World Vision (WVI), ZOA international

ACTION POINTS
- To access storage and transport services, partners are requested to submit their Service
  Request Form (SRF) via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org. To request Mobile Storage
  Units (MSUs), partners have to use the MSU Request Form (MSU Request SOPs)
- Partners wishing to access the Logistics Cluster-facilitated airlifts are invited to refer to the
  Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as well as the FAQs for Airlift Services
- Cluster Coordinators of the prioritised sectors for accessing airlift services to share with the
  Logistics Cluster the detailed list of weight repartition per partner for planned airlifts.
- Logistics Cluster has to provide information on their respective pipeline of cargo destined
to Tigray in the next 8 weeks and on the available trucks destined to Tigrau in the next 7
  days.

AGENDA
1.  Welcome and Introduction
2.  Situation Updates
3.  Humanitarian Logistics Operations
4.  Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations
5.  FAQs and Partner Discussion

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1. Welcome and Introduction

The Logistics Cluster started the meeting by welcoming partners to the weekly national Logistics Cluster coordination meeting.

2. Situation Updates

OCHA Fuel Priority Tigray Updates
- OCHA informed partners the first fuel allocation prioritisation exercise had been completed and shared with relevant clusters. OCHA specified that the prioritisation had been established in collaboration with all clusters through the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), the aim being to target the critical humanitarian activities.
- OCHA also informed partners that the distribution of fuel to the relevant partners was ongoing.

OCHA Access Working Group Updates
- **AMHARA**
  - Apart from a few areas at the border with Tigray, most areas of the region are accessible.
- **AFAR**
  - OCHA shared with partners that some access challenges in the Mile area were reported, and partners were highly recommended to move with precaution.
  - Partners were informed that most areas in Afar are now accessible including Berhale, Dallol, and Koneba.
  - OCHA shared that UNDSS plans to conduct an assessment mission this week to Abala, Berhale Town, and Dallol.

Approval for cash transportation into Tigray:
- According to OCHA, in the past week, EDRMC has approved the transport into Tigray of 73.2 Million ETB for partners.
- OCHA reported that, in total, EDRMC has approved a total of 1.68 billion ETB for transportation into Tigray since July 2021.
- To contact OCHA, partners were encouraged to reach out bilaterally to nicola.wing@un.org

WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) Updates
- WFP BSP reminded partners of the procedure for requesting fuel services on a cost-recovery basis.
- The prioritisation list for fuel distribution has been completed, and WFP BSP will follow the fuel service provision process to distribute fuel to partners.
• WFP BSP stated that the fuel distribution is done on a full cost recovery basis (meaning WFP procures it on behalf of partners).

• As a precondition to receiving fuel service, partners must ensure a Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been established between the partner organisation requesting fuel and WFP. A proforma invoice will be given once the partner has completed it, which will include the amount of fuel assigned to the agency as well as the cost of the fuel and will also account for an additional support cost. At this point, partners must provide an advance payment. Once finished, the Mekele team will contact partners and provide the fuel as per the prioritization list. A signed fuel release note and a fuel release form will also be provided to the partner.

• For further information, partners were encouraged to reach out bilaterally to helen.somes@wfp.org

3. Humanitarian Logistics Operations: Humanitarian Convoys and Airlifts

HUMANITARIAN CONVOYS, SEMERA - MEKELE

• Partners were informed that convoy 004/2022, comprising 27 trucks, arrived on 30 April through the humanitarian corridor in Afar, carrying some 978 mt of food and NFI on behalf of WFP and four partners.

• Partners were also informed that Convoy 005/2022, comprising 17 trucks carrying 629 mt of food and NFI items, departed Semera on 3 May, and is scheduled to arrive today, 4 May.

• Since the resumption of convoy movement in April 2022, the Logistics Cluster reported that approximately 5,800 mt of humanitarian cargo in 170 trucks had confirmed safe arrival in Mekele as of 3 May, including 9 fuel tankers.

AILIFT OPERATIONS, ADDIS ABABA – MEKELE

• The Logistics Cluster informed partners that 38.5 mt of lifesaving, prioritised Health, Nutrition, and ES/NFI cargo were airlifted from Addis Ababa to Mekele on behalf of 5 partners. 9.1 mt were Health cargo, 2.3 Nutrition, and 27.1 mt ES/NFI.

• The currently available resources allow the Logistics Cluster to plan for five rotations of cargo.

• Partners were advised to refer to the SOPs and the FAQs on Airlifts through the Logistics Cluster for further information.
4. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

**COORDINATION**

- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster holds regular coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekele, and Bahir Dar (bi-weekly). The next coordination meeting will take place today in Mekele at 15:00 EAT, in-person and online. To receive the link for this meeting, contact abriha.assefa@wfp.org.
- To subscribe to the Logistics Cluster mailing list, partners should contact hannah.bamberger@wfp.org.
- Partners can check [https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20) for upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, and other relevant documentation.

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**AFAR**

- The Logistics Cluster received 14.3 mt of assorted NFIs on behalf of one partner.
- Additionally, 3.5 mt of NFIs were dispatched from the warehouse for distribution in Afar. Items were retrieved by the partner.

**MEKELE**

- In the past week, 9.4 mt of medical, shelter, and WASH supplies belonging to four partners were retrieved from the warehouse between 19 and 30 April. The items were retrieved by the implementing partners using their own means of transportation and fuel.

**AMHARA**

- The Logistics Cluster supported one partner loading 0.43 mt of Shelter items from the Kombolcha warehouse.
5. FAQs and Partner Discussion

- EDRMC asked for further clarification on the committee that led the fuel prioritisation mechanism. The Logistics Cluster answered that the prioritisation was made in the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), and coordinated by OCHA. The ICCG brings together all sectors of the humanitarian response, and provides a platform for the Cluster Coordinators to consolidate the needs of their respective sectors.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10 May at 11:00 EAT online.

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