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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 prioritized sectors for accessing airlift services to share with the Logistics Cluster the detailed list of weight repartition per partner for planned airlifts.
• The Logistics Cluster to provide an official notification on the upcoming convoy movement schedule to EDRMC.

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

EDRMC Updates
- EDRMC informed partners that convoy clearance requests continued to be processed by EDRMC and that clearances were being provided in due time.

OCHA Access Working Group Updates
- AMHARA: OCHA informed partners about the fact that the A3 and A2 highways to Bahir Dar and Kobo respectively are accessible. OCHA noted some access challenges at the borders with Tigray.
- AFAR: OCHA reported that the B11 highway from Dessie to Mille is accessible, despite some security concerns along the road. Partners are advised to move with precaution when using this road, as well as when using the A1 highway from Addis Ababa. OCHA reported improved access in Zone 2.
- OCHA informed partners that a UNDSS security risk assessment was conducted on 6 May 2022 in the areas of Abala, Berhale, and Dallol. Partners were recommended not to use the road from Abala to Berhale and to instead use the road via Afar to access Dallol. OCHA flagged that this road is only partially asphalted but remains usable.
- OCHA mentioned that the UNHAS flights have continued to operate consistently.
- To contact OCHA, partners were encouraged to reach out bilaterally to nicola.wing@un.org.

WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) Updates
- WFP BSP informed partners that almost 40,000 liters of fuel have been released since the fuel prioritization plan has been completed by the Inter Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG). The majority of fuel was released in Mekelle, with limited quantities of fuel released in Shire as well. Ten partners have received fuel. In some cases, the partners who had received fuel from WFP have themselves also been providing fuel to implementing partners.
- Fuel release will continue as per the prioritization list provided by OCHA through the ICCG and is expected to be completed in the next ten days according to WFP.
- As a precondition of receiving fuel service, partners must ensure a Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been established between WFP and the partner organization requesting fuel. The proforma invoice, which includes the amount of fuel assigned to the agency as well as the fuel release note, will be forwarded to the partner. At this point, partners must provide an advance payment. Once payment has been completed, the Mekele team will contact partners who requested fuel. A signed fuel release note and a fuel release form will also be provided to the partner. WFP flagged that the requests are being processed as quickly as possible in order to ensure fast fuel delivery.

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• WFP BSP reminded fuel is provided on a full cost recovery basis. For further information, partners are encouraged to reach out bilaterally to helen.somes@wfp.org

2. Humanitarian Logistics Operations: Humanitarian Convoys and Airlifts

HUMANITARIAN CONVOYS, SEMERA - MEKELE
• Partners were informed that convoy 006/2022, consisting of 62 trucks, arrived in Mekelle on 7 May 2022 with a total of 2,260 mt of humanitarian cargo reporting safe arrival. Two trucks remained behind due to mechanical concerns at the time of reporting.
• Partners were also informed that Convoy 007/2022 consisting of 105 trucks, departed Semera on 9 May out of which 61 trucks had passed Serdo checkpoint at the time of reporting.
• It was reported that, out of the 250 trucks that confirmed arrival in Mekelle since April 2022, 242 came out of the Tigray region.
• The Logistics Cluster flagged that, for the next two weeks, the Logistics Cluster and WFP are working with relevant authorities to organize convoy departures every three days, in order to ensure that authorities in charge of cargo inspection have the required capacity to process cargo on the ground.

AIRLIFT OPERATIONS, ADDIS ABABA – MEKELE
• Over the last week, the Logistics Cluster noted that a total of approximately 38.5 mt of health (6.9 mt), nutrition (16.7 mt), agriculture (4.6 mt), WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) (8.5 mt), and ES (emergency shelter)/NFI (non-food items) (1.5 mt) cargo was airlifted from Addis Ababa to Mekele on behalf of five implementing partners.
• The current available resources for airlifts allow the Logistics Cluster to plan for two cargo rotations.
• Partners were advised to refer to the SOPs and the FAQs for further information on how to access airlift services.
4. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

COORDINATION

- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster holds regular coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, and Bahir Dar (bi-weekly). The next coordination meeting will take place on 10 May 2022 in Mekele at 15.00h 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 the Logistics Cluster Ethiopia operation page for any upcoming meetings, meeting minutes and any other relevant documentation.

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AFAR

- The Logistics Cluster received 298 mt of food and NFI items on behalf of three partners at the Semera warehouse.

MEKELE

- The Logistics Cluster received approximately 13 mt of Health and WASH items on behalf of two partners.
- Partners were informed the Logistics Cluster has a backlog of approximately 2,900 mt of cargo that is destined for Tigray.
- Partners were also informed that seven partners have responded to the request for inputs sent out last week, reporting that they have around 900 mt of cargo in the pipeline for the next eight weeks. Two partners confirmed that they have 113 trucks ready to deploy to Tigray in the coming week.

AMHARA

- The Logistics Cluster received 450 mt of food security on behalf of one partner at the Kombolcha warehouse.
- Partners in the convoy movement to Mekelle, should be able to inform for warehousing requests or collect the things by informing ahead of time.

Storage Capacity Updates

- As of 10 May 2022, storage capacity availability in Ethiopia is as follows: 5% is available in Addis Ababa, 10% in Adama, 75% in Gondar, 50% in Kombolcha, 30% in Mekele, 97% in the Shire, and 70% in Semera.
- The Logistics Cluster highlighted that partners whose cargo is arriving as part of the convoy to Mekelle should be able to receive their cargo even if the convoy arrives in the weekend. If partners require storage services from the Logistics Cluster, they should submit a Service Request Form (SRF).
LOGISTICS CLUSTER FUNDING OVERVIEW 2022

- The Logistics Cluster shared an overview of its funding situation for 2022, highlighting that it currently has sufficient funds to cover activities until July 2022.

- The Logistics Cluster encouraged partners to advocate for Logistics Cluster services, should they want the Logistics Cluster to guarantee provision of logistics services free of charge to the humanitarian community in Ethiopia after July 2022.

5. FAQs and Partner Discussion

- One partner asked for the possibility to send computer equipment to Tigray. The Logistics Cluster answered that partners with relevant clearances can arrange to send computer equipment through UNHAS passenger flights. For further information partners were encouraged to contact UNHAS through UNHAS.Ethiopia@wfp.org.

- One partner inquired about the Logistics Cluster’s plans for airlift services. The Logistics Cluster specified it is currently waiting to receive additional funds to continue provision of free-of-charge airlift services.

- A partner asked about the timeline for requesting transportation services. The Logistics Cluster explained that sourcing trucks to move cargos from the warehouse, as well as newly arrived cargos, has been challenging in the recent weeks, as all humanitarian partners are competing for the same pool of transporters. The Logistics Cluster is working to secure transporters, and 9 trucks are currently ready to pick up cargo from the Adama warehouse.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 May at 11:00 EAT.

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