Meeting Minutes, 17 May 2022
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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DATE 17 May 2022

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ACTION POINTS

• N/A

AGENDA

1. Situation Updates
2. Humanitarian Logistics Operations
3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations
4. Partner Discussions
5. Any Other Business (AOB)

1. Situation Updates

EDRMC Updates

• EDRMC informed partners that convoy clearance requests are ongoing. The pending clearances will be shared with the Logistics Cluster after the meeting.

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OCHA Access Working Group Updates

- **Tigray**: most areas in the Tigray region are currently accessible. However, several locations along the Eritrean border remain hard to reach. OCHA reported that EDRMC has approved cash transfers for a total of 1.68 billion ETB into Tigray since July 2021.

- **Amhara**: OCHA informed partners that most areas in the Amhara region, including the road from Woldia to Kobo, are currently accessible. Some areas along Wag Hlimra, Sekota, and Tsegebaji are hard to reach.

- **Afar**: Except for a few woredas along Zone 2, most areas in the region including Abala, Berhale, Koneba and Dallol are currently accessible.

For further information on road access, partners are encouraged to reach out bilaterally to biruk.gebru@un.org.

WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) Updates

- WFP informed partners that approximately 54,600 liters of fuel have been released to seventeen partners since the fuel prioritization plan has been completed by the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), and since fuel entered Tigray in April 2022. Most of the fuel was released in Mekelle, with some limited quantities distributed in Shire. Fuel provision is provided on a **full cost recovery basis**.

- WFP informed partners that, given the low amount of fuel available at present, fuel service provision is currently on hold.

For further information about fuel provision, partners are encouraged to reach out to helene.somes@wfp.org and addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org.

Logistics Cluster Updates

- The Logistics Cluster provided the following weekly updates:
  
  - **Afar**: the Logistics Cluster received 148.1 mt of health, food, and non-food items (NFIs) on behalf of three partners. 337 mt of NFIs and food items were dispatched from the Afar warehouse on behalf of seven partners, 273 mt of which was destined to Mekelle while 64 mt was destined for Afar distribution.

  - **Mekelle**: the Logistics Cluster received 254 mt of food, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), health, and shelter items on behalf of four partners. 16.3 mt of health and WASH items were collected by four partners from the Mekelle and Shire warehouses. The items were picked by the partner’s implementing partners to be distributed across different health centers and partner warehouses in the region.

  - **Amhara**: 1.05 mt of shelter items were dispatched from the Amhara warehouse using partner trucks.
2. Humanitarian Logistics Operations

Humanitarian Convoys between Semera and Mekelle

- The Logistics Cluster provided information on convoy movements from the past week:
  - Convoy 007/2022, consisting of 103 trucks (68 WFP trucks, 32 partner trucks, 3 Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks), reached Mekelle on 10 May 2022 on behalf of four partners.
  - Convoy 008/2022, consisting of 85 trucks (39 WFP trucks, 35 partners trucks and 11 Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks) reached Mekelle on 14 May 2022 on behalf of four partners.
  - Convoy 009/2022, consisting of 131 trucks (56 WFP trucks, 58 partner trucks on behalf of four partners and 17 Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks on behalf of five partners) reached Mekelle on 16 May 2022.
  - Convoy 010/2022 is tentatively scheduled to depart in the coming days.

Airlift Operations between Addis Ababa and Mekelle

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that, in the last week, approximately 11.6 mt of lifesaving, prioritized nutrition (2.7 mt) and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) (8.7 mt) cargo were airlifted from Addis Ababa to Mekelle on behalf of two partners.
- Partners were informed that additional funding has been secured to resume airlift operations to Tigray.

3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

Coordination

- The Logistics Cluster holds regular coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, and Bahir Dar.
  - The next coordination meeting for Mekelle is scheduled for 17 May 2022 in Mekelle at 15:00 EAT, and is delivered both in person and online. To receive the link for this meeting, contact abriha.assefa@wfp.org.
  - The next coordination meeting for Bahir Dar is scheduled for 18 May 2022 in Bahir Dar at 10:30 EAT and is delivered both in person and online. To receive the link for this meeting, contact eyerusalem.amha@wfp.org.
- For any upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, and any other relevant documentation, partners are requested to consult the Logistics Cluster Ethiopia Operation page here.
Facilitation of Logistics Services

- 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 are requested to submit the MSU Request Form.
- 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 wishing to access airlift services are expected to share the detailed lists of weigh repartitions per partner per prioritised sector with the Logistics Cluster for planned airlifts.

4. Partner Discussions

- Fuel access:
  - One partner enquired if fuel distribution is possible using partner-owned fuel barrels, but WFP replied that fuel can only be collected using vehicles.
  - One partner asked whether partners joining convoys with their own trucks can access fuel in Mekele for the return trip. The Logistics Cluster answered that contracted trucks can carry additional fuel as long as the additional fuel tanker is connected to the main engine of the truck.

- Backlog of humanitarian cargo:
  - The Logistics Cluster mentioned that the current backlog for inland transport of humanitarian cargo to Tigray amounts to approximately 2,300 mt.

- Satellite phones:
  - One partner asked about the necessary requirements to send satellite phones to the Tigray region. OCHA informed partners that clearance from the Information Network Security Agency (INSA) is required. For further information, partners were advised to contact biuk.gebru@un.org.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

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

*The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for* **Tuesday 24 May at 11:00 EAT.**
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