Operational Highlights

- The month of April 2022 saw the resumption of humanitarian convoy movements along the Semera-Mekelle corridor, with the first convoy to reach Tigray on 1 April 2022 since December 2021.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinated a total of four convoys to Mekelle via the only accessible corridor in Afar over the past month. In total, this represents 171 trucks on behalf of 11 partners, carrying 5,823 mt of humanitarian cargo.
- Out of the 171 trucks, 9 were fuel tankers carrying a total of 401,029 litres of fuel. This is the first time since August 2021 that fuel has entered Tigray.
- The Logistics Cluster, in close collaboration with the United National Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS), continued to airlift lifesaving cargo on behalf of the humanitarian community from Addis Ababa to Mekelle. In April, 261.7 mt of health, nutrition, and ES/NFI cargo were airlifted in 33 rotations.
- A total of 11 coordination meetings were organized by the Logistics Cluster in Addis Ababa (online), Mekelle, Bahir Dar, and Shire to which 58 different partners participated.
- The Logistics Cluster published 11 meeting minutes from the different coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekele, Bahir Dar, and the Shire, and updated the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Airlifts and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Airlifts.

The first convoy since December 2021 to Tigray was composed of 20 trucks and 1 fuel tanker leaving Semera on 31 March. Photo Credit: Leonard Vincent/Logistics Cluster

Background

- Convoy movements to Mekele via the humanitarian corridor in Afar resumed in April 2022. The first humanitarian cargo reached Mekelle on 1 April. Following this convoy, three additional movements occurred. In total, 85 WFP trucks, 62 partners trucks coordinated by the Logistics Cluster on behalf of four partners and 15 Logistics Cluster facilitated trucks on behalf of six partners carried a total of 5,823 mt of humanitarian cargo. In addition, 9 fuel tankers carrying 401,029 litres of fuel reached Mekelle in April.
- The Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate access to airlift services for lifesaving humanitarian cargo between Addis Ababa and Mekele. The Logistics Cluster continued to use a Boeing 737 aircraft with a capacity of 12 mt per rotation and

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the UNHAS Passenger Dash8 Q400 with a capacity of 5 mt per rotation to facilitate airlift services to the humanitarian community.

- In April, the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), who has been leading the prioritization of humanitarian cargo for airlift, added three sectors to the list of prioritized sectors for airlift services through the Logistics Cluster. In addition to nutrition and health, the sectors of WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), ES (emergency shelter)/NFI (non-food items), agriculture and education were identified as priority areas for airlifts to be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster on a full cost recovery basis for implementing partners.
- In April, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the airlift of 261.7 mt of prioritised health, nutrition and ES/NFI cargo on behalf of eleven partners, carried out in 31 special cargo flights.

**Coordination and Information Management**

- The Logistics Cluster held regular coordination meetings in three hubs across Ethiopia to share up-to-date logistical-related information and offer a venue for the humanitarian community to address logistics challenges.
- In April, the Logistics Cluster conducted a total of 11 coordination meetings in Addis Ababa (online), Mekele, Bahir Dar, and Shire, to which 58 different partners actively participated.
- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster published 15 information management (IM) products in the month of April:
  - Eleven meeting minutes from the different coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekele, Bahir Dar, and the Shire were published in the past month
  - The Logistics cluster published February and March monthly overviews.
  - The Logistics Cluster 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, as well as an FAQ on Airlifts. These documents will be updated regularly by the Logistics Cluster in order to incorporate any updated information regarding airlift procedure.
Logistics Services

- Storage and Transportation services were available to partners through the seven logistics hubs active in Ethiopia. Partners can submit their requests for storage or transport services via [ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org](mailto: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. To request MSUs, partners may submit an MSU Request Form to [ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org).

Storage

- In April, the Logistics Cluster received 3,627 m³ of humanitarian supplies on behalf of eighteen partners for storage. Most of the cargo were stored in Adama (53%), Amhara (34%), Addis Ababa (10%) and 3% stored in Semera.
- Out of the cargo received in April, 40% is destined to Tigray, 32% to Oromia, 21% to Amhara and the rest 8% to Addis Ababa and Afar.
- The cargo received for storage in April falls under three categories: Most of the cargo received falls under food security (34.9%), followed by Health (26.41%) and Shelter (15.79%), protection (15.14%), Nutrition (5.26%), WASH (2.02%), CCCM (0.36%), General Program (0.09%), and Logistics (0.03%).

![Graph 1: Cargo received for storage (m³) in April 2022 by category of product](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a)

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

- As of 30 April, the Logistics Cluster stored 6,543 m³ on behalf of 24 partners across the Logistics Cluster-facilitated warehouses in Adama, Addis Ababa, Kombolcha, Semera, Mekele, and Shire.
- The Kality warehouse’s capacity in April was 2,120 m². Hence, a total of 18,120 m² of storage space was made available to partners over the past month.
- In April, the Logistics Cluster released 10 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to EDRMC which will be used for storage space of relief items in North Wollo and Wag Harma zones. Each MSU provides a storage capacity of 320 m².
Road and Air Transport

- In April, the Logistics Cluster transported 1,213 mt of humanitarian cargo, destined to four regions: Addis Ababa, Afar, Oromia and Tigray.
- Out of the transported, 1,213 mt by road and 261.7 mt were airlifted through the Logistics Cluster with the close collaboration of UNHAS. The airlifted cargo consisted primarily of health items (94.1), nutrition items (90.7 mt) and ES/NFIs items (76.9 mt).
- The graph below displays the type of products transported on behalf of 17 partners in April. The majority of items consisted of food security-related items (47%), followed by health (31%), shelter (19%), nutrition (2%), and WASH (2%) supplies.

**Graph 2: Cargo transported (mt) in April 2022 by category of product**

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Image 1: Northern Ethiopia Region - Operational Planning Map
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