Meeting Minutes, 24 May 2022
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

LOCATION
Addis Ababa, online

DATE
24 May 2022

CHAIR
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PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
N/A

AGENDA
• Situation Updates
• Humanitarian Logistics Operations
• Any Other Business (AOB)

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1. Situation Updates

OCHA Access Working Group Updates

- **Amhara**: OCHA informed partners that, following a government request, a joint assessment to hard-to-reach areas in Waghmera is currently being planned in coordination with relevant authorities. OCHA mentioned that the Abergele and Tsegebaji woredas have been inaccessible for a year.

- **Afar**: partners traveling with light vehicles were advised against using the road passing by Awash. Trucks coming from Adama are advised to advance with caution. OCHA informed partners that a UNDSS security risk assessment was conducted on 24 May 2022 in Megala, and recommended partners not to use the road.

- **Somali**: OCHA informed partners that, due to flooding, the Galun Bridge has collapsed. The Dawa zone is currently inaccessible.

- OCHA informed due to shortage of fuel there are currently challenges to distribute supplies in Tigray region.

- For further information from the OCHA Access Working Group, partners are encouraged to reach out to gillian.reid-schachter@un.org.

WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) Updates

- WFP BSP informed partners that 66,726 liters of fuel have been released to eighteen partners since April 2022. The majority of the fuel was released in Mekelle and limited quantities were also released in Shire.

- WFP BSP informed partners that fuel is being distributed in accordance with the prioritization list developed by the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) in Mekele.

- In order to obtain access to fuel, WFP BSP reminded partners that partners must first submit a request in Service Marketplace once a Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been established between WFP and the partner organization. The proforma invoice is then shared with the partner, which includes the amount of fuel assigned and estimated cost shared with the partner. At this point, partners must complete an advance payment. Once payment has been completed, the Mekele or Shire team will contact partners who requested fuel. 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 or addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org

Logistics Services – Operational Highlights for the period 17 - 24 May 2022

- **Afar**: the Logistics Cluster received 60.41 mt of food and NFI items on behalf of two partners.

- **Mekelle**: the Logistics Cluster received 357 mt of food, water and sanitation (WASH), health, and shelter items on behalf of six partners. Moreover, 127.2 mt of food, health, and shelter items belonging to three partners were collected from the warehouse. The items were collected by the partner’s implementing partners to be distributed to health centers and partner’s warehouses in the region.
2. Humanitarian Logistics Operations

**Humanitarian convoys between Semera and Mekelle:** the Logistics Cluster shared convoy movement updates from the past week:

- **Convoy 010/2022** consisting of 165 trucks (90 WFP trucks, 60 partners trucks, 10 Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks, 5 fuel tankers) reached Mekelle on 21 May 2022.
- **Convoy 011/2022** consisting of 136 trucks (63 WFP trucks, 67 partner trucks, 6 Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks) reached Mekelle on 23 May 2022.
- **Convoy 012/2022** is at the Sedo checkpoint at the time of reporting.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that container trucks and trucks carrying humanitarian cargo consisting of High Energy Biscuit (HEB) teff seeds encounter challenges at checkpoints.
- The Logistics Cluster provided partners with an overview of the convoy movements since April 2022. In April 2022, 875 trucks arrived in Mekelle. During the month of April 2022, convoys consisting of empty trucks leaving Tigray managed to travel back to Semera without challenges.
- Partners were reminded of the two ways to join humanitarian convoys travelling from Semera to Mekelle:
  - Partners joining the convoys with their own trucks are requested to submit the below information to ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org

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- Partners requiring Logistics Cluster-facilitated transportation support are requested to submit the Service Request Form (SRF) to ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org. SRFs can be downloaded from the Ethiopia Logistics Cluster operation website.
- Partners were informed that, in order not to overwhelm EDRMC with scattered transportation requests, the Logistics Cluster consolidates all partner requests for EDRMC submission on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
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Airlift operations between Addis Ababa and Mekelle

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that, over the past week, approximately 23.5 mt of lifesaving, prioritized agriculture, and emergency shelter / non-food items (ES/NFIs) cargo (2 mt agriculture items and 21.5 mt of ES/NFIs) was transported from Addis Ababa to Mekelle on behalf of two partners.

Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

Logistics Cluster coordination support and information management (IM) support

- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster holds regular coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, and Bahir Dar. The next coordination meeting will take place on 31 May 2022 in Mekelle at 15:00 EAT (both in-person and online). To receive the link for this meeting, partners are invited to approach abriha.assefa@wfp.org.
- To subscribe to the Logistics Cluster mailing list, partners are invited to contact hannah.bamberger@wfp.org.
- Partners can consult the Ethiopia Logistics Cluster operation website for any upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, and any other relevant documentation related to the Logistics Cluster operations in Ethiopia.

Facilitation of logistics services

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to storage space (960 m²) in Jigjiga in the frame of the drought response in the Somali region.
- The Logistics Cluster also informed partners that, in collaboration with the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), it facilitates access to airlifting services to the Somali region with a capacity of airlifting up to 50 mt of humanitarian cargo. As agreed with the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), prioritization will be given to lifesaving health and nutrition items. Partners are encouraged to contact the Health (bmuraguri@who.int) and Nutrition (ntandoyenkosi.mlobane@fao.org) Cluster coordinators to coordinate on cargo airlifting.

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

Fuel Access

- A partner asked for further information about fuel allocation criteria. WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) replied that fuel allocation criteria are established by the Inter Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) in Mekele.
- A partner asked participants about whether any partner has experience in moving fuel with own rental vehicles to Mekele or Shire. The Logistics cluster advised to reach out to EDRMC for further information and clearance.

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IT equipments into Tigray
   o One partner asked for any updates on transport of computer equipment and generators to Tigray. Regarding computers, the Logistics Cluster advised partners to reach out bilaterally to EDRMC to obtain necessary clearances, and to transport the computers on the passenger UNHAS flights. Regarding generators, the Logistics Cluster reminded partners that transport of generators has led to several clearance challenges at checkpoints in the past.

Cash transfers to Tigray
   o OCHA informed partners that, at present, there is a limit of 3 million ETB of cash shipments to be shipped on UNHAS passenger flights into Tigray per agency.

Custom Clearance
   o A partner asked further information about the custom clearance processes regarding cargo from Djibouti to Ethiopia. The Logistics Cluster reminded partners it only handles cleared cargo and is not in a position to support partners with cargo requiring customs clearance.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 31 May at 11:00 EAT.

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