Meeting Minutes, 29 June 2022
Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

LOCATION
Bahir Dar

DATE
29 June 2022

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Action Against Hunger (AAH), Afro Ethiopia Integrated Development (AEID), Dorcas Aid Ethiopia, Humedica, International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Path finder, Plan International, Save the Children, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP).

ACTION POINTS
• The Logistics Cluster reminded partners to fill out the Service Request Form (SRF) to request transport and Storage services. Guidance on how to fill in the SRF can be found here.
• Logistics Cluster and Shelter Cluster to have bilateral discussions regarding the possible organisation of a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) training.

AGENDA
1. Situation updates and humanitarian logistics operations
2. Logistics Cluster operational updates
3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)
4. FAQs and partner discussions

1. Situation updates and humanitarian logistics operations

OCHA Access Working Group Updates
• OCHA informed partners that most areas in Amhara region are currently accessible. However, some woredas remain hard to reach, especially in North Gondar (Addi Arkay, and Tselemt), Waghmera (Zequala, Tsagebji, Averigele, and Sekota Zuria) and North Wollo (Raya Kobo).
• OCHA reported that there is limited access along the common border between Ethiopia and Sudan, and advised partners to be cautious while operating on the areas of Western Tigray and Western Gondar.
• OCHA informed partners that the situation along the border in Raya Kobo and North Gondar is reportedly volatile.
• OCHA reported that, three weeks ago, deliveries of food and medical kits were conducted by partners to hard-to-reach areas in Nuraque woreda.
• OCHA also explained that discussions are ongoing with relevant stakeholders for the delivery of humanitarian supplies to Averigele woreda. These deliveries are expected to begin in the coming weeks.
• For further information, partners were encouraged to reach out to christopher.orina@un.org

https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a
2. Logistics Cluster operational updates

- In Gondar warehouse, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the receipt of 8.83 mt of shelter items for storage on behalf of one partner.
- There are currently 17 mt of shelter items stored at the Gondar warehouse on behalf of one partner, and 7.8 mt of WASH items available at the Kombolcha warehouse on behalf of one partner.

3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

The Logistics Cluster’s Concept of Operations can be found online.

**Coordination**

- The Logistics Cluster holds regular coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekele and Bahir Dar. More information about coordination meetings can be found here.
- The next national Logistics Cluster chair coordination meeting will take place in Addis Ababa on 5 July 2022 at 11:00 EAT, online.
- The next Bahir Dar coordination meeting will take place in Bahir Dar on 13 July 2022 at 10:30 EAT, both in person and online.

**Information Management**

- Meeting minutes, physical access constraint maps, and other relevant logistics information management products can be found here.

**Facilitation of Humanitarian Logistics Services**

- There are currently storage capacities available for humanitarian partners in eight hubs across the country. The WFP-managed warehouses in the Amhara region have a total capacity of 3,400 m² (2,400 m² in Gondar and 1,000 m² in Kombolcha). Currently, the available storage capacity in Gondar is 50 % and in Kombolcha 90 %.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) for partners wishing to expand their storage capacity. To request MSUs, partners must submit the MSU request form to ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org.
- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster offers access to transportation and storage services, as well as training sessions upon request. In order to access transport and storage services, partners should submit a Service Request Form (SRF) via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org.

4. Any other Business (AOB)

- Two partners asked for access updates to Zarima and Jara. OCHA replied that Zarima and Jara site are reportedly accessible.
• One partner inquired if the Logistics Cluster can support on fuel provision for humanitarian partners, due to fuel shortage in the Amhara region. The Logistics Cluster replied that it is not involved in the fuel distribution process. For all fuel-related matters, partners are encouraged to reach out bilaterally to the WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) team: helen.somes@wfp.org, priya.pradhanang@wfp.org or addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org.

• One partner enquired about the possibility of benefitting from a partners training on the setting up of MSUs. The Logistics Cluster supported the idea and suggested bilateral talks in this regard.

The next Bahir Dar Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 13 July at 10:30 EAT.

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