Meeting Minutes, 28 June 2022
Mekelle, Ethiopia

LOCATION
Mekelle

DATE
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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Action for Social Development and Environmental Protection Organization (ASDEPO), African Humanitarian Aid and Development Agency (AHADA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE), Food for the Hungry (FHE), GOAL, International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC), International Committee for the Development of Peoples (CISP), International Medical Corps (IMC), Plan International (PIE), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP)

ACTION POINTS
• Partners wishing to join Semera - Mekelle convoy movements with their own trucks are advised to refer to the SOPS on partners joining convoys with their own trucks, and to contact ethiopia.humanitarianconvoys@wfp.org
• Partners joining convoys with their own trucks are expected to share information on the return of trucks from Mekelle by writing to hannah.bamberger@wfp.org

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

2. Situation Updates

OCHA Access Working Group Updates
• OCHA informed partners that 75% of Tigray is currently accessible, but flagged that the security situation in Western Tigray and South Tigray remains very volatile.
• OCHA informed partners that discussions are ongoing with relevant stakeholders regarding passenger convoy movements via the Mekelle – Semera corridor.
• For further information about the OCHA Access Working Group, partners are encouraged to contact tsegaye.kahsay@un.org

UNHAS Updates
• UNHAS informed participants that passenger flights (Addis Ababa - Mekelle - Addis Ababa) have been suspended on 22 June due to fuel shortage at the Mekelle airport.
• For further information about UNHAS flights, partners must reach out to UNHAS.Ethiopia@wfp.org

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3. Humanitarian Logistics Operations

Humanitarian convoys between Semera and Mekelle

- The Logistics Cluster shared convoy movement updates from last week as follows:
  - Two convoys (Convoy 24/2022 and 25/2022) consisting of 654 trucks reached Mekelle on 22 June and 27 June. Approximately 28,445 mt of humanitarian cargo and two fuel tankers were transported on behalf of ten partners.
  - Convoy 26/2022 departed Semera on 27 June with approximately 200 trucks.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that, in order to access humanitarian convoys with their own trucks and to be included in the next EDRMC clearance request, partners must send truck details at ethiopia.humanitarianconvoys@wfp.org before 16:00 EAT on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- For partners requiring Logistics Cluster-facilitated transportation to join humanitarian convoys, they are requested to submit the Service Request Form (SRF) to ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org.

Airlift operations between Addis Ababa and Mekelle

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that, due to the closure of Mekelle airport on 22 June, no airlift services were provided during the reporting period.

4. Logistics Cluster Operational Updates

- 20.3 mt of health and protection items belonging to two partners were retrieved from the Mekelle warehouse between 21 June and 24 June. The items were picked by the partners to be distributed to 15 health centres in the region, and internally displaced persons (IDPs) sites in Samre and Shire.
- 130 mt of food items belonging to one partner were retrieved from the Mekelle warehouse on 21 June. The items were picked by the partner to be distributed to IDP sites in AbyiAdi.
- 50 mt of WASH items belonging to three partners were retrieved from the Mekelle warehouse on 24 June and 25 June. The items were picked by the partners to be distributed to IDP sites in Shire and Adigudem. The Logistics Cluster supported the partners with facilitating access to trucks.
- Partners were informed that the warehouse in Mekelle received approximately 74.4 mt of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and protection items belonging to four partners between 21 June and 27 June.
- Partners were also informed about the current warehouse capacity for Mekelle. The total size of the warehouse is 3,500 m². Currently, 2100 m² are occupied by cargo on behalf of ten partners, representing a warehouse occupation rate of 60%.

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5. FAQs and Partner Discussion

- A discussion was held among partners about the possibility of organising passenger convoy movements from Mekelle to Semera. OCHA informed partners that discussions are ongoing with relevant stakeholders regarding passenger convoy movements via the Mekelle – Semera corridor.

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting in Mekelle is scheduled for Tuesday 05 July 2022 at WFP Conference Room 15:00 EAT and online.

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