Meeting Minutes, 9 August 2022
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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ACTION POINTS • For fuel-related matters, partners are invited to contact WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) by writing to helen.somes@wfp.org or addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org.

AGENDA 1. Situation Updates
2. Humanitarian Logistics Operations
3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)
4. Any Other Business (AOB)

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1. Situation Updates

**OCHA Access Working Group Updates**

- **Afar:** OCHA informed partners that in the past week an assessment into the Yalo woreda, Zone 4 was conducted.

- **Amhara:** OCHA informed partners that access remains the same in the region, most part of the region is accessible.

- **Tigray:** OCHA mentioned that the arrival of the 12 fuel tankers in the past week into the region is a significant outcome for the humanitarian operations.

- **Approval for cash transportation into Tigray:**
  - According to OCHA, EDRMC has approved the transport into Tigray of 118 million ETB in the past week.

- To contact OCHA, partners were encouraged to reach out bilaterally to biruk.gebru@un.org

**WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) Updates**

- WFP BSP shared with partners the services available, including transport and storage services, in addition to fuel provision services. These services are offered as a last resort and on a cost-recovery basis.

- WFP BSP provided information on the fuel allocation procedure. Considering that WFP purchases and delivers fuel at full cost recovery, WFP closely collaborates with partners to identify fuel needs through a survey. From April until the end of June, the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) oversaw fuel allocation by cluster. However, considering the nature of the service, the process will return to WFP.

- WFP-BSP informed partners that since April 2022, 1,706,273 Liters have been received in Tigray, out of which 1,201,836 Liters of fuel have been released to partners, and currently there is no fuel available for distribution. Most of the fuel allocated to date was provided to food security partners (81.5%), followed by Agriculture (5.4%), nutrition (5.1), sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) (2.9%).

- For further information on how partners can access WFP-BSP’s fuel services, partners were encouraged to reach out bilaterally to helen.somes@wfp.org or addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org
2. Humanitarian Logistics Operations

Humanitarian convoys, Semera - Mekelle

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners convoy 0035/2022 confirmed arrival on 4 August, with 160 trucks carrying approx. 6,549 mt of humanitarian cargo on behalf of eight partners.
- The Logistics Cluster shared that Convoy 0036/22 confirmed arrival on 9 August, with 56 trucks carrying approximately 2,577 mt of humanitarian cargo on behalf of six partners.
- Partners can join humanitarian convoys by requesting Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks or by joining convoys with their own trucks.
- The Logistics Cluster provided the following recommendations for humanitarian convoys:
  - To ensure that no additional fuel is included in the trucks. This would be an undeclared good.
  - Truck drivers are recommended not to travel with cameras, laptops, or any other electronic devices.
  - Truck drivers are asked to bring small amounts of cash, as there is a limit to the amount of cash that can be transported (currently unspecified).
  - Truck drivers are recommended to abide by general security rules.
  - Truck drivers are requested to keep a positive attitude when communicating with checkpoint commanders.
  - Truck drivers must always carry their ID with them.

Airlift Operations, Semera - Mekelle

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that 6.5 mt of health-related cargo was airlifted on behalf of two humanitarian partners.
- The logistics Cluster advised partners to consult the following documents for further information on how to access airlift services through the Logistics Cluster:
  - SOPs: Ethiopia - Airlifts Addis Ababa - Tigray SOPs - April 2022

3. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps)

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

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Logistics Services under Logistics Cluster – Operational highlights between 2 - 9 August

- **Tigray**: The Logistics Cluster received 20.3 mt of WASH, shelter, and education items on behalf of three partners between 3-4 August in Mekelle.
- The Logistics Cluster also supported the dispatch of approximately 12.6 mt of WASH and education items belonging to two partners in Mekelle. Partners used their trucks for transportation.
- **Afar**: In Semera, the Logistics Cluster supported the dispatch of approximately 358.2 mt of food items belonging to one partner to Mekelle.
- **Amhara**: The Logistics Cluster received 36.5 mt of health items on behalf of one partner on 3 August in Gondar.
- In Kombolcha, the Logistics Cluster supported the dispatch of 1.6 mt of health items on behalf of one partner.
- Additionally, convoy 3 comprised 13 WFP fleet trucks of CRS/JEOP food and WFP nutrition cargo arrived on 7 August.
- Convoy 4 is awaiting clearance(s) from EDRMC.
- As of 9 August, the storage capacity available in the Logistics Cluster’s warehouse in Ethiopia is as follows: 30% in Addis Ababa; 20% in Adama; 30% in Gondar; 95% in Kombolcha; 54% in Mekelle; 94% in the Shire; 74% in Semera.

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Coordination

- In Addis Ababa, the next national coordination meeting will take place on 16 August at 11:00 EAT 2022.
- In Mekelle, the next coordination meeting is scheduled for 16 August at 15:00 EAT, in-person and online. To receive the link for this meeting, contact bruck.omuwayi@wfp.org.
- In Shire, the next coordination meeting is scheduled for 15 August at 14:00 EAT, in person.
- To subscribe to the Logistics Cluster mailing list, partners should contact sarah.alameri@wfp.org.
- Partners can check the Logistics Cluster Ethiopia operation webpage here for any information about upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, and any other relevant documentation.

4. Partner Discussion and Any Other Business (AOB)

Fuel Related
A partner enquired as to any updates regarding the fuel pipeline. WFP-BSP answered that 12 fuel tankers had come from Djibouti in the previous week. WFP-BSP is working on the regulatory process into the pipeline for the upcoming fuel batch as the fuel need increases.

Convoy Related
The Logistics Cluster answered a partner inquiry requesting clarification on Convoy 35 by reporting that the 160 trucks arrived in Mekelle, including the 12 fuel tankers.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16 August at 11:00 EAT online

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