Meeting Minutes, 1 August 2023
Mekelle, Ethiopia

LOCATION  Mekelle

DATE  1 August 2023

CHAIR  The Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS  African Humanitarian Aid and Development Agency (AHADA), Concern Worldwide (CWW), GOAL, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Plan International (PI), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO)

ACTION POINTS

• Partners to share regular reports with the Logistics Cluster about the confirmation of the arrival of their cargo at the destination in Tigray by writing to ethiopia.humanitarianconvoys@wfp.org. Partners with a presence in Mekelle can also report on arrivals in person to the Logistics Cluster staff in Mekelle.
• Partners to share their storage capacity requirement with the Logistics Cluster for further planning by writing to abriha.assefa@wfp.org

AGENDA

1. OCHA Access Working Group Updates
2. Operational Updates within Tigray
3. Logistics Cluster updates
4. AOB

1. OCHA Access Working Group Updates

• The Logistics Cluster conveyed to its partners that regions in the eastern sector of Tigray still present challenges in terms of accessibility, notably encompassing Erob and Gerhu Senay Woredas.
• According to OCHA, Gemhalo and a few other kebeles in Tigray's North-West region are inaccessible. The Kebeles located 18 KM from Badme remain inaccessible.
• OCHA shared that some areas located in the southern zone of Tigray (Korem, Zata, and Ofa) can only be accessed from Amhara region side for humanitarian response.
• For further information, partners are encouraged to contact lwam.awetahagne@un.org

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2. Operational Updates - Tigray

- Partners were informed that 0.4 MT of WASH items belonging to one partner were dispatched from the warehouse in Mekelle on 28 July 2023. These items were taken to the partner’s warehouse.
- Partners were also informed that the Logistics Cluster received 86 MT of Health items on behalf of one partner between 17 July and 1 August 2023.
- The Logistics Cluster shared the current warehouse capacity for Mekelle. The total size of the warehouse is 3,500 m². Currently, 1,750 m² are occupied by cargo on behalf of four partners, representing a warehouse occupation of 50%.

3. Cargo Movement to Tigray Updates

Confirmed Arrivals

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that, in July, 8 partners reported the arrival of 47 trucks into Tigray containing Nutrition (400 MT), Mixed cargo (212 MT), ES/NF (160 MT), Health (29 MT), Agriculture (20 MT), and General operations items (5 MT) via the three corridors.
- The Logistics Cluster also shared the confirmed arrivals of trucks to Tigray via the three corridors since 15 November 2022.
- As confirmed by the partners, it was shared that partners confirmed the arrival of 6,370 trucks carrying 251,543 MT of humanitarian cargo via the three corridors. The arrival of 48 fuel tankers carrying 1,719,592 litres of fuel to Tigray was also reported by partners.

Status of Corridors

- Partners were informed that some security concerns were reported along the Gondar corridor (Gedeby kebele) and Kombolcha Corridor in the past week.
- Partners were also informed that the Semera Corridor remains open.

Logistics Cluster Storage Capacity Update

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that it will rationalize storage capacities in three locations (Gondar, Kombolcha and Semera). A total storage capacity has been reduced by 6,250 m². The current storage capacity of Gondar is 1,150 m² (reduced by 52%), Kombolcha 320 m² (reduced by 68%) and Semera 1,080 m² (reduced by 80%).

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Logistics Cluster - Mid-Year Infographic
- The Logistics Cluster presented the Mid-Year Infographic for the period January – June 2023 on the Logistics Cluster website.

4. AOB

Transport Update
- One partner mentioned that transportation of Health items from Adama to Mekelle is on hold due to shortage of trucks.

Storage Update
- The Logistics Cluster highlighted that there might be a possibility of reducing the storage capacity in Mekelle. Partners were reminded to share their requirement of storage capacity with the Logistics Cluster for planning ahead by writing to abriha.assefa@wfp.org

The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting in Mekelle is scheduled for Tuesday 20 June 2023 in WFP Conference Room at 15:00 EAT and online.

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