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Addis Ababa, in-person

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ACTION POINTS
• The Logistics Cluster will share a survey with partners to receive their feedback on the training received in the past 6 months through email.
• The Logistics Cluster will send out a survey for partners to collect information on the training topics that they would like to see offered by the Logistics Cluster in the coming months.
• 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

AGENDA
• OCHA AWG Updates
• On-Demand Services Updates
• Situation Updates
• Logistics Cluster Updates
• AOB

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1. OCHA Access Working Group (AWG) Updates

- OCHA shared access updates with partners in different regions of the country.
- **Tigray**: Except for some woredas bordering Eritrea including Tahtay Adiyabo, Egela, and Erob, most areas of the region remain accessible.
- There are access challenges to the Western and Southern Zones areas from the other part of the Tigray region.
- The security situation in Kobo also affected the movement to Tigray through Alamata.
- **Amhara**: There are occasional road closures and security incidents reported mainly in the North Wollo, South Wollo, and North Shewa Zones.
- There was a temporary movement restriction in North Shoa, zone, Kobo town and nearby town in North Wello Zone in the past week. The security situation in Kobo temporarily impacted the movement to Tigray.
- **Somali**: Some areas in the Siti zone including Afdem and Gabalalu woredas bordering the Afar region is not accessible.
- Access to Kubi Woreda from Fika town via Erer river are challenging due to the rainy season.
- **Gambella**: Frequent security incidents were reported over the past week.
- Several humanitarian organisations have temporarily suspended the operations and reduced them to life saving activities only.
- Partners were informed that any humanitarian movement in the region must be accompanied by a security assessment.
- **Benishangul Gumuz**: Due to the rainy season and poor road infrastructure access to Kamashi Zone from Assosa is currently challenging.
- Access to Guba Woreda from Gilgel Beles town has been repaired and can remain open from July 14, 2023.
- Mao Komo Special Woreda south of Benishangul Gumuz bordering Oromia, which has been a hard-to-reach area for more than a year is accessible as of the third week of July.
- **Oromia**: The areas in Begi and Kondala Woredas of West Wellega Zones are accessible from the Bambasi town (BGR) side as of the third week of July.
- **Afar**: Some security concerns were reported in the previous weeks, especially in Zone 2 Megale Woreda.
- Partners were highly recommended to move with caution along these areas.
For further updates on access partners can reach out to anuwar.nur@un.org

2. On-Demand Services Updates

- On-demand services, previously named Bilateral Service Provision (BSP), presented the services that are provided to humanitarian organisations, mainly for United Nations agencies, Governmental, non-governmental organisations, etc.
- The different services are available in different regions (Addis Ababa, Tigray, Afar, Oromia, SNNPR, Benishangul Gumuz, and Somali) and include Fuel, Fumigation, Airfreight and passenger flight, Engineering, Mobile Storage Unit (MSU), Land Transport, Procurement, and Transport.
- On-demand services highlighted that the services are provided as a last resort to partners and with full cost recovery.
- Partners were informed that the required documents to process the request include the Service Level Agreement, Proforma, and Final Invoice.
- Additionally, the partners' fuel requirement for July that was received through the survey link was shared. The total requested quantity in Mekelle is 11,800 litres, 7,300 litres for the Shire, and 5,050 litres for the Assosa region.
- For further information partners can contact Addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org

3. Situation Updates

Flood Response

- Partners were informed that the National Flood Task Force prepared this Flood Contingency Plan (CP) to mitigate the adverse impacts of current and anticipated floods.
- The two scenarios that were shared regarding the flood contingency plan are:
  1. The Ethiopian Meteoro logical Institute (EMI) weather forecast shows that western Tigray, western Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, west Oromia, Gambella, and Southwestern regions of Ethiopia will dominantly receive normal rainfall and they will get above normal rainfall in few areas.
  2. Heavy rains are expected to cause flood damage, affecting 1,465,982 people during the 2023 'kirat-riskemt' season. 33% of the total at-risk population is likely to be displaced, with 479,981 people likely to be displaced.

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4. Logistics Cluster Updates

Cargo Movement to Tigray Updates

- As per the Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC) and Resident Coordinator (RC), the Logistics Cluster continued to keep track of the cargo arriving in Tigray.
- During the month of July, 11 trucks reported arrival into Tigray on behalf of 5 partners containing the below-following category: Health (15 MT), ES/NFI (80 MT), Nutrition (120 MT), Agriculture (20 MT), Mixed cargo (4 MT) and General operation items (5 MT).
- Partners were informed that out of the 11 trucks that confirmed arrival in Tigray in July 2023, two trucks used the Gondar – Shire corridor, two trucks used the Kombolcha – Mekelle corridor, and seven trucks used the Semera – Mekelle corridor.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded that the Information Network Security Agency (INSA) support letters are required to move IT equipment to Tigray.
- The Logistics Cluster flagged that although the movement of cargo continued through the 3 corridors there are security concerns being reported along the Gondar-Shire and Kombolcha- Mekelle corridors including in North Wollo, Woldia and Raya Kobo.

Ethiopia – Sudan Border Updates

- The Logistics Cluster informed that after two ICRC trucks crossed the Metema - Galabat border, no further trucks have reportedly crossed the border.
- Partners were informed that health items can reportedly not be imported to Sudan via Metema.
- According to WHO, some cholera cases have been reported in Quara district West Gondar zone.
- The Importation and Customs Clearance Together (IMPACCT) Working Group held an online session in the past week to specifically address procedures and clearance processes for importing medical items. Partners can contact impacct.2021@gmail.com for further information.

Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) updates

- The Logistics Cluster shared with partners that it is working on updating the LCA for Ethiopia.
- The LCA is an inter-agency emergency preparedness tool that provides a comprehensive overview of a country’s / a region’s infrastructure and capacities.
• The last LCA available on the Logistics Cluster website was updated and published in 2020.

• The LCA document for Ethiopia has 35 sections and the updated version will be published on the Logistics Cluster website once the necessary clearance process is done.

Training Updates

• The Logistics Cluster shared that a Food Safety and Quality Control training will be conducted in Mekelle between 25 - 27 July 2023. The training focuses on discussing the proper practices for receiving, keeping, and dispatching food commodities to prevent or reduce quantitative and qualitative food losses.

• The Logistics Cluster will share a survey through email for partners’ feedback in the past 6 months of delivered training and a survey to collect partners’ suggestions on the training topic they would like the Logistics Cluster to offer in the coming months.

AOB

• UNHAS Ethiopia will stop its regular weekly flights to Mekelle and Shire (Tigray) from 10 July onwards. To organize special flights (charter flights) to these destinations, please contact unhas.ethiopia@wfp.org.

The next coordination meeting is on 1 August 2023 at 11:00 EAT in person.

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