Operation Overview, July 2023
Ethiopia – Northern Ethiopia Response

Operational Highlights

- Humanitarian access to northern Ethiopia continues to improve in July, enabling relief actors to conduct assistance activities and deliver life-saving commodities in Tigray through the three corridors. However, the Gondar-Shire and Kombolcha-Mekelle corridors still encounter unpredictable security concerns.
- The Logistics Cluster continued to follow up on trucks’ arrival report with partners. In July, partners reported the arrival of 47 trucks with 931 MT of humanitarian cargo carrying Health, Agriculture, ES/NFI, General Operations, and Nutrition items through Semera (98.1 %), Kombolcha corridor (1.6 %), and the rest 0.3 % for Gondar corridors.
- In the last month, support letters from the Information Network Security Agency (INSA) were still required to transport IT equipment to Tigray.
- In July, the number of arrival reports for partner trucks has shown a slight decrease from the month of June 2023. In June 51 trucks reported arrival into Tigray carrying 1,176 MT of items and 20,000 litres of fuel.
- In the month of July, the Logistics Cluster continued its efforts on building up partner capacity through training. One training course was facilitated on Food Safety and Quality Control in Mekelle.
- In July, a total of seven Logistics Cluster coordination meetings were held in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, Bahir Dar, and Shire in which 38 partners participated.
- The Logistics Cluster published ten Information Management products in July 2023 including the June and the Mid-year infographics.
- In the month of July, The Logistics Cluster also finalized the update of the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA). The document was published on the Logistics Cluster website.

Background

- The accessibility of humanitarian cargo to Tigray through the three humanitarian corridors (Semera- Mekelle, Gondar-Shire, and Kombolcha-Mekelle) continues to be open for partners to provide assistance.
- With the enhancement of commercial services and improved access to transporters, the Logistics Cluster has persisted in its role as a last resort, concentrating on regions where commercial transporters remain hesitant to operate or where access limitations persist.
- As a result of these improvements, partners are now able to access some areas by their own trucks. In July, a total of 47 trucks carrying 931 metric tons (MT) of humanitarian cargo were reported to have arrived in Tigray. The Semera-Mekelle route was the most used, with 836 MT of confirmed cargo as of July 31. The Kombolcha corridor followed with 80 MT, and the Gondar corridor with 15 MT.
- In July, partners are still required to secure an INSA support letter to transport IT equipment that a support letter for health items would no longer be required for humanitarian cargo moving to Tigray.
- The improvement in access to Tigray is a positive development, and it is hoped that this progress will continue in the coming months.

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Coordination and Information Management

- Conducting an email-based survey, the Logistics Cluster collected partner feedback on training conducted over the past six months. The survey concluded on July 31st, yielding the following response breakdown per training module: Warehouse Management (35 responses), Food Safety and Quality (14 responses), Mobile Storage Unit Installation and Dismantlement (9 responses), and Cargo Transport Planning (5 responses).
- The aim of the survey is to gather information that will help the Logistics Cluster to improve its training on humanitarian logistics. By understanding what partners think of the training, the Logistics Cluster can ensure that it is providing the most effective and relevant training possible.
- The Logistics Cluster also worked on finalizing the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) update for Ethiopia in July. The LCA is an inter-agency emergency preparedness tool that provides a comprehensive overview of a country’s infrastructure and capacities. The Ethiopia [LCA](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a) document has 35 sections and was published on the Logistics Cluster website.
- In July, the Logistics Cluster held seven coordination meetings in its different hubs in Ethiopia (Addis Ababa, Mekelle, Shire, and Bahir Dar). A total of 38 partners actively participated in these meetings.
- The Logistics Cluster also published ten information management products in July, including the June and mid-year infographics for 2023.

Common Logistics Services

- Through the seven hubs (Mekelle, Shire, Gondar, Kombolcha, Semera, Adama, and Kality) of the Logistics Cluster in Ethiopia, partners continued to have access to common services. The Logistics Cluster provides humanitarian partners access to common storage spaces, dedicated transportation, and truck assembly locations in these hubs.
- Partners can submit their requests for storage or transport services via [ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org), filling out the Service Request Form (SRF).

Storage

- The Logistics Cluster received 473 m³ of humanitarian supplies on behalf of four partners for storage. Most of the cargo was received in Mekelle (59%), Adama (18%), Kality (13%), and Shire (11%).
- Most of the cargo consisted of Health (57%), WASH (37%), and Nutrition (9%).
- As of 31 July 2023, the closing stock at hand consisted of 3,559 m³ of humanitarian supplies on behalf of 12 partners across the Logistics Cluster-facilitated warehouses in Adama, Addis Ababa, Gondar, Mekelle, and Shire.
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Graph: Cargo received for storage (m³) in July 2023 by category of product

Source: The Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA)

Road Transport

- A total of 91 MT of humanitarian cargo on behalf of eight partners were transported by Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks, destined to Tigray region.
- Since the access in Northern Ethiopia has improved, there was no airlift in July.
- The graph below shows the type of products transported during the reporting month. Most of the items consisted of WASH (319%), Shelter (30%), Protection (16%), Health (14%) and Food Security (9%).

Graph: Cargo transported (MT) in June 2023 by category of product

Source: The Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA)

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