Meeting Minutes, 19 September 2023
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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AGENDA
• Situation Updates
• Logistics Cluster Updates
• AOB

ACTION POINTS
• Partners to share regular reports with the Logistics Cluster about confirmation of the arrival of their cargo at the destination in Tigray by writing to ethiopia.humanitarianconvoys@wfp.org
• Partners to send their pipeline information for the Amhara region by writing to sarah.alameri@wfp.org or Eyerusalem.amha@wfp.org
• Logistics Cluster will present the recommendation on the Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) of September 2023.
1. Situation Updates

Amhara

- Despite the security situation in the region, humanitarian assistance continued with various partners in Waghemra, central, and south Gondar.
- The Area Security Management Team (ASMT) recommended using private transporters for human assistance mobilization.
- According to the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) report, there were security issues in North Shoa, Kobo, Woldia, North Wollo, and some border areas in Waghemera.
- The routes from Addis through Deberé Tabor onwards to Bahir Dar, either from Mota or through Finote Selam, remain inaccessible at the moment due to security reasons.
- Some partners and UN agencies (Ethiopian Red Cross, Goal, Plan International, and UNICEF) reported that they have continued delivering supplies into the region.
- In the past week, OCHA attempted staff movement through East Amhara. Due to the security situation in North Shoa, it was recommended to move the convoy through Afar, Mille, Dessie and North and South Wollo.
- Due to limited internet access in the region, there are challenges in managing operations and ensuring the safety of colleagues while operating. Currently, there are only three UN offices in Dessie, Gondar, and Bahir Dar.
- Mobile networks, health services, water, and electricity are available.
- UNDSS recommended using the available communication tools, such as SMS and mobile networks, due to the limited internet access.
- Following security concerns in the past month, there has been a significant increase in Cholera outbreaks. There are major health concerns that require humanitarian actors to mobilize health supplies.

Western Oromia

- OCHA mentioned that the situation has improved in the past weeks from a security perspective. However, because the security situation remains unpredictable, movement should be approached with caution.
- OCHA is working with partners and the Logistics Cluster to support a humanitarian convoy to the Metekel zone in Benishangul Gumuz.
- The recommended route to the Metekel zone is from western Oromia through Assosa, Guba, to Metekel.
Somali

- The situation in southern Somali is unpredictable, with reports of security incidents in Afder and Shebele.
- For further updates on access, partners can reach out to casafont@un.org.

Amhara Updates

- Partners were informed that in the major cities of the region, the situation is calm, and shops and services are open and functioning.
- The airports in the region are open and working.
- Partners were also informed that in the region three cities have VSAT, Bahir Dar (UNICEF Office), Dessie (WFP Compound), and Gondar (IOM Office).
- The main challenge currently is the internet connection.

Pipeline for Amhara Region

- Logistics Cluster reminded that partners were requested to share their pipeline update for the Amhara region.
- Partners were encouraged to share their pipeline information by writing to sarah.alameri@wfp.org or Eyerusalem.amha@wfp.org

2. Logistics Cluster Updates

Cargo Movement to Tigray Updates

- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster continues to track cargo arriving in Tigray.
- In September, 11 trucks arrived in Tigray on behalf of two partners, carrying ES/NFI (145 MT), Health (9.5 MT), and Mixed cargo (133 MT). All trucks arrived via the Semera-Mekelle corridor, and five trucks used the Kombolcha-Mekelle corridor.
- The Logistics Cluster reminded partners that support letters from the Information Network Security Agency (INSA) are still required for IT equipment.
- Due to the ongoing security situation in the Amhara region, the Semera corridor has been the primary route for moving cargo in the past two weeks.
- Additionally, it was mentioned that commercial flights from Addis Ababa to Bahir Dar and Addis Ababa to Gondar are available.

Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) updates.

- The Logistics Cluster informed that the Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) interviews were completed on September 15th. These interviews took place in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, and Shire.

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• Some of the preliminary findings of the GNA were presented to partners. According to the respondents' information, 44% reported that access to adequate storage is 'weak,' 28% reported it as 'average,' and 14% reported it as 'good.'
• As for access to adequate transport, 48% reported it as 'weak,' 24% as 'average,' and 28% as 'good.'
• In terms of the required training level for logistics staff to operate in an emergency context, partners reported 20% as 'weak,' 41% as 'average,' and 17% as 'good.'
• Regarding access to training materials, partners reported 31% as 'weak,' 28% as 'average,' and 17% as 'good.'
• The recommendations from the GNA will be shared in the next coordination meeting. The final GNA report will also be published once the clearance process is finalized.

3. AOB

• Partners were informed that the fuel survey that was shared by the On-Demand Supply Chain Services will no longer share regular survey requests from the month of November 2023 afterward.

The next coordination meeting is on 10 October 2023 at 11:00 EAT in person.

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