Operational Highlights

- In September 2023, the Logistics Cluster conducted a Gaps and Needs analysis (GNA) and interviewed 24 partner organisations. The Gaps and Need Analysis aims to determine whether the Logistics Cluster activation period should be extended for another year starting November 2023 and is an opportunity for the Logistics Cluster to redefine its strategy for the year to come if required.

- In September the Logistics Cluster continued to follow up on trucks' arrival reports with partners. Partners reported the arrival of 25 trucks reported arrival into Tigray on behalf of five partners containing ES/NFI (290 MT), Health (64 MT), Nutrition (132 MT), and Mixed cargo (173 MT). Most of the confirmed reported trucks arrived using the Semera-Mekelle corridor (487 MT), followed by the Kombolcha-Mekelle corridor (172 MT).

- Compared to the previous month, lower confirmed truck arrivals in Tigray were reported in September. The voluntary reporting of truck arrivals as well as the pause in Ethiopia's food distribution may be contributing reasons in this.

- The Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings took place bi-weekly in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, and Shire in person. Four coordination meetings in the different hubs of the Logistics Cluster (Addis Ababa, Mekelle, and Shire) in which 32 different partners participated.

- Additionally, the Logistics Cluster published three Information Management (IM) products on the Logistics Cluster website including the July and August infographics.

Background

- The month of September saw an increase in security concerns in the region of Amhara. This continued to jeopardize access to the region including the delivery of humanitarian cargo movement.

- 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. However, security challenges hindered access through the Gondar–Shire and Kombolcha- Mekelle corridor in September.

- 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.

Coordination and Information Management

- Logistics Cluster carried out the GNA interviews, which took place between 1 and 15 September 2023.

- A Gaps and Needs Analysis interview is undertaken in consultation with partners to determine the future of Logistics Cluster operations in-country beyond November 2023 until it is currently activated.

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https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a
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**Common Logistics Services**

- Through the seven hubs 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.
- However due to the situation in the Amhara region in September, activities in the Gondar and Kombolcha hubs were reduced in September.
- Partners continued to submit their requests for storage or transport services via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org, filling out the Service Request Form (SRF).

**Storage**

- The Logistics Cluster received 577 m³ of humanitarian supplies on behalf of four partners for storage. Most of the cargo was received in Addis Ababa (87%), Adama (7%), Shire (5%), and Mekelle (1%).
- Most of the cargo consisted of Health (95%), Food security (2%), General Program (1%) and WASH (2%).
- As of 30 September 2023, the closing stock at hand consisted of 3,663 m³ of humanitarian supplies on behalf of 12 partners across the Logistics Cluster-facilitated warehouses in Adama, Addis Ababa, Gondar, Mekelle, and Shire.

![Graph: Cargo received for storage (m³) in September 2023 by category of product](source: The Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA))

**Road Transport**

- A total of 23 MT of humanitarian cargo on behalf of three partners were transported by Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks, destined to the Tigray region.
- Since access has been improved in northern Ethiopia the total amount of cargo transported has shown a huge decrease.
- The graph below shows the type of products transported during the reporting month. Most of the items consisted of Health (67%), WASH (6.6%), and Protection (4%).

![Graph: Cargo transported (MT) in September 2023 by category of product](source: The Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA))
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