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# Meeting Minutes, 9 May 2023

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Addis Ababa, in-person
<b>DATE</b>	9 May 2023
<b>CHAIR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ato Tadesse Bekele, Senior Ethiopia Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC) Adviser</li><li>• Andrea Rosales, Logistics Cluster Coordinator</li></ul>
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Care Ethiopia, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Organisations for Migration (IOM), Mesgana Child and Family Development Association, OXFAM, Plan International, SNV Ethiopia, United Nations Officer for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision Ethiopia
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logistics Cluster will share an official communication regarding the lifting of the EDRMC support letter requirement and maintaining of truck arrival reports requirement shared by EDRMC through mailing list.</li><li>• To provide updates regarding physical access constraints partners shall contact <a href="mailto:saron.addisu@wfp.org">saron.addisu@wfp.org</a></li><li>• Partners to fill out the fuel survey for the month of May and June 2023. Partners can reach out to the WFP BSP through <a href="mailto:Addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org">Addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org</a></li><li>• The Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings will be held on a bi-weekly basis, in person at WFP Country Office (Addis Ababa). The next coordination meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 23 May at 11:00 EAT. Partners wishing to attend the meeting in person shall send their names on Monday 22 May before noon to <a href="mailto:hannah.bamberger@wfp.org">hannah.bamberger@wfp.org</a> and <a href="mailto:saron.addisu@wfp.org">saron.addisu@wfp.org</a></li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OCHA AWG Updates</li><li>• ES/NFI Cluster Updates</li><li>• Situation Updates – Flood and Drought Updates</li><li>• Logistics Cluster Updates</li><li>• AOB</li></ul>

### 1. OCHA AWG Updates

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- OCHA informed partners that access in Northern Ethiopia has been highly improved.
- **Tigray:** OCHA shared that some areas in the northern part of the region mainly bordering with Eritrea remain inaccessible.
- OCHA shared that there are challenges to accessing some areas that border Tigray from the Amhara region including Wolkait Tsegede, Tselemt, and Raya Alamata.
- **Amhara:** OCHA informed that there were some security concerns reported in the past week in Gondar, Debre Sina, and Shoa Robit. The roads along these areas were closed due to the security situation and are currently reopened according to OCHA.
- **Oromia:** Partners were informed that the security issues in Western Oromia have caused access impediments in the region most areas in Western Oromia remain inaccessible OCHA mentioned.
- **Benshangul Gumuz:** OCHA informed partners some areas in the Kamashi zone that had been inaccessible for a long time are now accessible for humanitarian operation through Assosa.
- Following a security assessment conducted in the Kamashi zone partners can now provide humanitarian assistance, although the areas are accessible some of the roads are disrupted due to the rainy season.
- **Somali:** OCHA informed that access in some zones including Liben, Afder, and Dhawa zones was affected due to the flood situation that occurred in the past weeks.
- OCHA shared that there are challenges in road infrastructure including the bridge that joins Afder and Liben has been affected by the Genale river that was full.
- Additionally, OCHA shared that the flood situation has affected the Borena zone in Oromia, and few areas of Afar that are close to the Awash River.
- For further updates on access partners can reach out to [anuwar.nur@un.org](mailto:anuwar.nur@un.org)

### 2. ES/NFI Cluster Updates

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- The ES/NFI Cluster shared the main activities and response updates as of March 2023 of the cluster with partners.
- The ES/NFI Cluster provides the humanitarian response in nine regions in the country including Afar, Amhara Benhsgul Gumuz Gambella Oromia SNNP Somali, and Tigray.

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- The ES/NFI Cluster shared the services that were received from the from the Logistics Cluster. The main activities include transport of Shelter NFI kits, facilitation of support letters, and storage services.
- The ES/NFI also shared those activities regarding vehicle access, fuel supply, access to cash for rent programs, and level of funding partners can secure are the areas of activities that the cluster requires support.
- Additionally going forward the ES/NFI Cluster will focus on return and Shelter repair kits in the Tigray region with ES/NFI for those unable to return.
- Partners can access the overall ES/NFI Cluster activities in different regions by going through <http://sheltercluster.org/response/ethiopia>
- For further information related to the ES/NFI Cluster partners can reach [PCAWLEY@iom.int](mailto:PCAWLEY@iom.int).

### 3. Situation Updates

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#### Flood and Drought Response

- The Flood Task Force prepared a Flood Response Plan (FRP) to be able to respond to the needs of the displaced communities and mitigate the possible negative impact of additional floods.
- According to reports, the flooding situation in the Somali region (Liben, Dhawa, and Shabelle) and Oromia (Borena) has resulted in damage to houses, crops, livestock, and human displacement and death.
- Most of the areas that are affected by the flood situations are also affected by drought.
- As a result of the cholera outbreak that happened during those situations, OCHA, WASH, and the health sectors are developing a map that overlays the cholera outbreak with the flood and drought conditions.
- Partners were urged to share their response and pipeline to the drought and flood affected areas, with Logistics Cluster. This will enable the Logistics Cluster to have an overview with the aim of establishing areas where there are gaps and could require support.

### 4. Logistics Cluster Updates

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#### Cargo Movement to Tigray Updates

- Between 15 November 2022 and 9 May 2023, the Logistics Cluster received confirmation from partners that a total of 248,617 MT of humanitarian cargo and 1,719,592 litres of fuel on behalf of partners arrived in Tigray.
- Since 15 November, a total of 6,326 trucks have been submitted to EDRMC for support letters, and all of them have received the support letter at the time of reporting.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that the government announced the lifting of the requirement of support letters for humanitarian cargo moving to Tigray, as of April 28, 2023.
- Partners were informed that Health items and IT equipment are still required to secure MoH and INSA support letters.
- The Logistics Cluster highlighted that as per EDRMC and RC, the Logistics Cluster is requested to keep tracking the cargo arriving at Tigray.
- The Logistics Cluster provided some information related to the 3 corridors to the Tigray region:
  - **Gondar corridor:** According to reports, the Gondar corridor is currently inaccessible due to security concerns.
  - May Tysabri area is reachable from Gondar and Shire however it is not possible to pass through May Tysabri.
  - **Kombolcha corridor :** Kombolcha corridor also reportedly inaccessible due to security concerns.
  - Security challenges were reported in Kobo and Woldia area along the Kombolcha corridor. It is not recommended to use this corridor for partners.
  - **Semera orridor:** Security concerns along the Adama-Semera corridor
  - Regional authorities have announced removal of all checkpoints in the corridors except those located at the borders with other regions (Tigray, Oromia, Somali).

#### Upcoming Training

- The Logistics Cluster shared that a Food Management and Quality Control (23- 26 May 2023) and MSU installation training (17-19 May) will be conducted in Adama.

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- Partners were informed that at the time of reporting 30 participants have been registered from 17 organizations for the Food Management and Quality Control and 23 partners from 11 organizations for the MSU Installation training.

### AOB

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- One partner requested further information on the updates to the access constraints for sharing information. Partners were informed that the updates would only apply to restrictions on physical access, not security information. Partners are urged to share their updates with the Logistics Cluster on a weekly basis by sending an email to [saron.addisu@wfp.org](mailto:saron.addisu@wfp.org).
- Following the elimination of the requirement for support letters, a partner inquired as to whether any issues with the movement of cargo had been reported by other partners. The Logistics Cluster, however, indicated that there were no concerns learned and that items like IT and medical equipment require the line ministry's approval before being transported.

***The next coordination meeting is on 23 May 2023 at 11:00 EAT in person.***

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