

Highlights

- Assessment of strategic emergency warehouses was kick-started. Six non-food item warehouses and three food commodity warehouses were assessed during the quarter.
- Through the collaboration of multiple stakeholders the emergency warehouse assessment tool was developed, tested and piloted.
- A meeting with the Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) was conducted. The bilateral consultative session with the key national stakeholder sought to strengthen collaboration, coordination and information sharing in logistics preparedness.

Background

Between October and December 2024, Tanzania experienced varied climatic conditions, with the onset of seasonal rains and fluctuating temperatures. The Vuli (short rains) season brought substantial rainfall to regions with two rainy seasons, while areas with a single rainy season transitioned into the Msimu (long rains) period. Notable increases in rainfall were recorded towards the end of the quarter, accompanied by elevated temperatures in the coastal belt and northeastern highlands. Logistics preparedness activities continued during this period and were conducted in close collaboration with key stakeholders, ensuring alignment with national disaster response priorities and in line with the seasonal and other mid-term needs.

Coordination

- In October 2024, a multisectoral workshop was held in the Morogoro region, bringing together ten (10) participants from the Disaster Management Department (DMD), Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS), Fire and Rescue Department, and other key stakeholders. The workshop focused on preparing the standardized warehouse assessment tool and providing orientation on its use.
- The Logistics Cluster supported the assessment of nine strategic government warehouses across Tanzania, including six non-food item warehouses managed by DMD and three food commodity warehouses managed by the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA), using the warehouse assessment tool. These warehouses play a critical role in ensuring the availability and timely distribution of essential supplies—such as food, water, medical items, and shelter provisions—during emergency response operations. The assessment was prioritized to identify areas for improvement in warehouse readiness and to support efforts to enhance supply chain management for more effective emergency preparedness and response. The assessment activities, such as site evaluations, infrastructure inspections, and inventory management reviews, aimed to evaluate the capacity, operational workflows, and readiness of strategic humanitarian warehouses. The insights gathered will provide valuable information to guide decisions on the strategic prepositioning of supplies and enhance the planning of preparedness and response activities.
- The regional Logistics Cluster team conducted a support mission to Tanzania in December 2024. The objective of the mission was to provide on-site technical support, facilitate the transfer of knowledge and enable the strengthening of stakeholder engagement and collaboration. The mission included a visit to the newly established Tanzania Situation Room and meetings with key stakeholders engaging in information and knowledge exchange on best practices in coordination.

Information Management

- The warehouse assessment tool, developed collaboratively, has been published on the website [\[link\]](#). This tool provides a clear set of objectives, encompassing all essential information needed for thorough assessments and is supported by a detailed document outlining a standardized approach to ensure consistent implementation across stakeholders and regions.
- The support mission conducted in December highlighted the need to enhance logistics coordination and information management through a functional national logistics working group (NLWG). Tanzania has an Emergency Coordination Group (ECG) co-led by WFP. The ECG has sector groups including Logistics. Within the next quarter, steps will be taken to enhance the NLWG by developing terms of reference and a mailing list. The National Preparedness Officer will liaise with DMD to co-lead the NLWG and ensure stakeholders are engaged in regular meetings and collaborate closely in the implementation of the [National-logistics-preparedness-action-plan](#).

Advocacy

- A meeting with management at TRCS was conducted to strengthen collaboration, coordination and information sharing in logistics preparedness. This engagement highlighted the broader scope of the Logistics Cluster's work in Tanzania and linkages with TRCS and DMD. The meeting enabled TRCS to have a better understanding of the logistics preparedness activities and Action Plan, and how they could support its implementation and advocacy efforts.

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