
Highlights

- The Logistics Cluster continues to expand and increase the capacity of the three logistics hubs in the neighbouring regions of Tigray, including in Gondar (Amhara Region), Kombolcha (Amhara Region) and Semera (Afar Region) for cargo consolidation and the onward facilitation of transport.
- In January, the Logistics Cluster facilitated **five convoys** to locations in Tigray (two to Shire and the Mai Tsebri camps, three to Mekele), carrying cargo on behalf of **17 partners**.
- **173 mt** of cargo in support of the Tigray humanitarian response was delivered to locations inside Tigray.
- During the month, the Logistics Cluster **held four coordination meetings**, attended by 33 organisations, including national and international NGOs, other clusters, and UN agencies.
- The Logistics Cluster has submitted 18 cargo clearance requests to the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), as the co-lead of the Logistics Cluster, to facilitate the clearance of **377 mt** of cargo to be moved on behalf of 18 partners.



A Logistics Cluster-facilitated convoy from Gondar to Shire. Photo: Logistics Cluster

Background

The deteriorating humanitarian situation in Tigray, combined with the rise of COVID-19 cases, have increased the humanitarian needs in Ethiopia. Dire shortages of vital supplies, including food, water, fuel, cash and essential medical supplies are affecting people across the Tigray Region. Humanitarian partners are unable to deliver their assistance due to access constraints. The Logistics Cluster is working together with the Federal Government's National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), in order to establish operational details and obtain clearance for humanitarian supplies to reach the intended destinations. The Logistics Cluster is responding to the needs of partners by establishing logistics hubs for consolidation of supplies and to serve as

truck assembly points in strategic locations near the entry points of Tigray, to allow for an efficient, coordinated response once access is permissible. Through the hubs, the Cluster is facilitating access to storage and transportation services for partners.

Coordination & information management

- Coordination by the Logistics Cluster includes activities and technical support to enhance collaboration between relevant authorities and partners. Regular coordination meetings and information sharing mechanisms ensure the streamlining of logistics activities and the minimization of duplicated efforts.
- The Logistics Cluster provides essential information management support to enable a smooth and coherent flow of relevant information to all partners, specifically on road constraints, accessibility, and regular updates.
- The Logistics Cluster published **10 information management products** on the [website](#) over the course of January. The Interactive Physical Road Constraints map is updated continuously and can be found [here](#).

Logistics Services

- The Logistics Cluster established three logistics hubs in key strategic locations (Gondar – Kombolcha – Semera) to provide humanitarian partners with access to common storage facilities, dedicated transport, and truck assembly points.
- In Gondar, the Logistics Cluster has made available a 2400 m² storage capacity for partners to position their stocks. There is currently one dedicated Logistics Cluster officer on the ground for coordination. Recruitment is ongoing for two logistics assistants and one storekeeper.
- In Kombolcha, the Logistics Cluster has made available a 900 m² warehouse and two mobile storage units (640 m²) for partners to position their stocks. There is currently one dedicated Logistics Cluster officer on the ground for coordination, and two dedicated convoy leaders. Recruitment is ongoing for two logistics assistants and one storekeeper.
- In Semera, the Logistics Cluster is setting up two mobile storage units with a capacity of 640 m² for partners to position their stocks in this location. There is currently one dedicated Logistics Cluster officer on the ground for coordination. Recruitment is ongoing for a logistics assistant and storekeepers.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to dedicated fleets to support the humanitarian community.

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