

1. Cross-cutting Updates

- The Logistics Cluster is consolidating [Cargo Entry Point Updates](#) (CEPU) on a daily basis. An [online map version](#) of the CEPU is also available. Organisations are encouraged to provide their inputs to COVID-19@logcluster.org.
- The Logistics Cluster is working with the [Logistics Emergency Teams](#) (LET) to consolidate information sharing. The LET and the Logistics Cluster are working on creating a system allowing partners to check cargo movement possibilities from any point of entry to final destination to ensure their internal planning.
- The Logistics Cluster has launched a [Cluster Humanitarian Operational Coordination of Logistics and Air Transport](#) platform to map and consolidate international cargo transport needs from humanitarian actors to connect with existing offers. This platform is complementary to the [WFP Emergency Service Marketplace platform](#) which is used to collect requests for transport support within the WFP common services setup for the Global Humanitarian Response Plan. In order to contribute to the [Cluster Humanitarian Operational Coordination of Logistics and Air Transport](#) platform, partners can share general information on their pipeline needs for international cargo transport (current stock location, intended destination, approximate volume and weight of shipment) by completing a simple, online form which will be displayed in a dashboard and shared with concerned partners. This does not imply an offer of service from the Logistics Cluster, or WFP as lead agency.
- The Logistics Cluster is compiling cargo opportunities for repatriation flights travelling empty from Europe. Potential upcoming flight opportunities are as follow:
 - UK -Pakistan, date and exact location to be confirmed;
 - UK-Bangladesh, date and exact location to be confirmed;
 - Spain – Gambia, 11 May; and
 - France-Nepal, date and exact locations to be confirmed.
- Partners interested in sending cargo on these flights are requested to contact COVID-19@logcluster.org as soon as possible, so that contact can be established with the concerned government bodies.
- The Logistics Cluster is publishing [red alerts](#) providing information on potential and soon-to-depart flights. Partners are encouraged to share their requirements in advance to facilitate planning.
- The results of the second COVID-19 Impact on Humanitarian Supply Chain Survey are available [here](#).
- Minutes from the latest Global Logistics Cluster COVID-19 response conference call (April 30) are available [here](#).
- The next Global Logistics Cluster COVID-19 response conference call will take place on 13 May 2020.

2. Cluster Operations

Central African Republic (CAR)

- In CAR, the Logistics Cluster continues to collect and consolidate pipeline information in order to support OCHA in liaising with Central African and Cameroonian Authorities to try to fast track items

dedicated to the COVID-19 response. To date, 20 organisations, mainly health and WASH partners, have provided information on their humanitarian cargo currently on its way to the country.

- The Logistics Cluster in Bangui is providing support to receive an ECHO-donated flight coming from Lyon, France, this week, delivering cargo on behalf of nine organisations (as well as 70 humanitarian passengers).
- Cargo flights, road transport operations, etc. are ongoing with no major issues related to COVID-19.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- Borders are still open for cargo. Cargo coming from Mombasa (Kenya) and Dar es-Salaam (Tanzania) continues to be received without any reported issues.

Ethiopia

- The Logistics Cluster was officially activated in Ethiopia by the IASC to support the government's efforts on the COVID-19 response. Partners on the ground are currently being mapped with the help of OCHA and selected partners will be interviewed for a gaps and needs analysis. The planned gaps and needs exercise was introduced to partners through the Ethiopia-logs@logcluster.org mailing list, and information from this will support the drafting of the Concept of Operations.
- A Cluster Coordination meeting will be confirmed for the coming week.

Air transport and border crossing

- All passengers arriving in Ethiopia must go into a 14-day quarantine.
- Ethiopian Airlines cargo flights are still operating but with reduced cargo capacity due to flight cancellations.
- Land borders are only allowing the passage of 'essential goods'.
- Border entries from Somalia to Ethiopia continue to be checked prior to the dispatch of trucks.
- Road and river transport to South Sudan is still possible.
- There are no restrictions on cargo movement from Djibouti to Ethiopia, with customs still operating on both sides of the border. However, there is a shortage of trucks to Djibouti due to a spike in demand.

Somalia

- Following last week's Logistics Cluster activation, the [Concept of Operations \(ConOps\)](#) has been agreed upon and finalised. The [minutes of the first Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting](#) have been published.
- All ports remain operational (Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, and Bossaso). Key airports remain open for cargo but continue to be closed to passenger flights.
- To ensure the delivery of urgent COVID-19 relief items, the Logistics Cluster is prioritising the coordination of airlifts - from Nairobi (Kenya) and Mogadishu to locations throughout Somalia, as well as facilitating the transport of cargo arriving at the COVID-19 regional hub in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) upon request. The Logistics Cluster plans to facilitate access to additional airlift capacity and frequency as soon as sufficient resources become available.

- The Logistics Cluster is coordinating the transport of an incoming WHO consignment from Dubai (via Nairobi) to be airlifted to Mogadishu. Cargo includes 10 urgent ventilators and other COVID-19 supplies (7 mt).
- On behalf of International Medical Corps, the Logistics Cluster coordinated the transport of medical supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE), and other non-food items to Galkayo and Baidoa.
- The cluster coordinated the transportation of five prefabs donated by UN agencies to the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) to Benadir Hospital in Mogadishu.
- The cluster is providing support to Somalia's Ministry of Health (MoH) through the transportation of urgent medical items for their COVID-19 response. On behalf of the MoH, over 6.5 mt have been dispatched to Dhusamareb, Kismayo, Baidoa, Jowar, Hargeisa, Garowe and Barawe.

South Sudan

Logistics Cluster operations

- Cargo flights, convoys, and river operations are ongoing with no major issues related to COVID-19.
- The Logistics Cluster is continuing to facilitate access for partners to fly COVID-19 response items (VHF 500 kits and testing kits) on behalf of WHO and the Ministry of Health, as well as preparedness items to all WFP field offices.
- In Juba an additional storage site to support increased need for common storage due to COVID-19 has been identified and contracting is underway.
- One 10 x 32 mobile storage unit (MSU) has been set up in Juba to expand the John Garang Infectious Disease Unit. The MSU will be handed over to WHO and the Ministry of Health.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to share COVID-19 information with partners, including information on WFP Global Common Services, the Emergency Service Marketplace platform and cargo entry point updates.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to work with WHO and members of the inter-agency technical team on processes for requesting and releasing PPE stocks which are currently stored by the Logistics Cluster. The common PPE request system has been launched and WFP will consolidate requests for the prioritisation by the technical team. The Logistics Cluster will also provide air transport services when needed.

Border crossings and restrictions

- The status for entry points and border crossings is unchanged. Humanitarian cargo is still coming into the country, albeit with some delays. The government has approved the use of escorts from Nimule to Juba and back in order to keep items moving from the border crossing.
- The government high level task force on COVID-19 has waived the testing requirement for all humanitarian aid workers undertaking official inter-state travel. Instead, all travellers must complete a 14-day quarantine prior to travelling.

Syria

Syria Humanitarian Fund - Logistics

- The Syria Humanitarian Fund (SHF) first reserve allocation of USD 23 million has been issued to respond to new emergency lifesaving needs emanating from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Five main priorities were identified in the allocation strategy of the fund, including the following point on logistics: “address immediate gaps in logistics and transportation for humanitarian programming due to access restrictions”.
- WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, has submitted a proposal for an air cargo transport service from Damascus to Qamishli. The proposal has been reviewed by the Technical Review Committee and their comments are to be shared with WFP.

Yemen

- UNHAS Yemen is accepting booking requests for the flight tentatively planned from Addis Ababa – Aden – Addis Ababa on 14 May. The flight is not yet confirmed but booking requests can be sent by organisations’ focal points to unhas.yemen@wfp.org. Please note booking requests should include the [UNHAS Flight Connection Form](#).

3. Sector Operations

Bangladesh

- The Logistics Sector COVID-19 ConOps is under review and SOPs for the new common services (six additional MSUs, cold storage, local truck fleet) are being prepared. All MSUs will be assembled within 30 days, with two of them scheduled to be set up within the next two weeks, cold storage starting 1 June, and the truck fleet is operational. In addition to the Cox’s Bazar warehouse, one new storage site has been identified.

Nigeria

Road transport - COVID-19 Measures

- Humanitarian cargo arriving from other states to Borno will be allowed to enter upon presenting the waybill at the state entrance. The waybill will serve as evidence that the cargo belongs to a humanitarian organisation.
- To augment the process and ensure smooth arrival of cargo into Borno state, the Logistics Sector will collect details from all humanitarian partners and share this with the state authorities one day prior to the expected date of arrival. The template for collecting information has been shared with partners via email.

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- For movement within Borno state, the Logistics Sector will share the movement plan for all humanitarian partners for the coming week with the state authorities. This movement plan, together with the Humanitarian Cargo Movement Notification Form (HCMNF) will serve as a “pass” to allow vehicles carrying humanitarian cargo to move within the state. Part of the details required by the state is the provision of the vehicle number plates. This information will be collected by the Logistics Sector from humanitarian partners one day prior to the planned movement date and shared with the state authorities.

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