

1. Cross-cutting Updates

- The Logistics Cluster invites partners to the seventh Global Logistics Cluster Call on Humanitarian Supply Chains during and for the COVID-19 response on Tuesday, 26 May at 14:30 CEST. For dial-in details please contact COVID-19@logcluster.org. You can find the minutes from the latest Global Logistics Cluster COVID-19 response conference call (May 13) [here](#).
- The Logistics Cluster has rolled out [CHOCOLAT](#), a platform where all humanitarian partners can indicate all international cargo transport requirements that are not met. Through the platform, the Logistics Cluster can link partners with each other, with diverse free-for-user service providers (WFP, ECHO, CSR flights, etc.) and perform evidence-supported advocacy for cargo flights. In a second phase, the Logistics Cluster will also include free-for-user flight offers in the platform.
- At the request of ECHO and complementary to the WFP common services plan, the Logistics Cluster is collating requests from partner for ad hoc flight requests. Flights will be indicated in the regular GLC calls or as a red alert on the website while partners are requested to indicate requests on CHOCOLAT or to COVID-19@logcluster.org.
- A webinar presenting the [WFP Emergency Service Marketplace \(ESM\)](#) platform will take place next Tuesday, 26 May. This session will introduce the process for registering on the platform, show participants how to log a request for cargo movement and explain the information that will be required. Partners are reminded that all requests for cargo movement through WFP Service Provision for the COVID-19 response must be submitted via the ESM. Prior to the webinar, all participants are invited to see the Concept of Operations, which can be downloaded [here](#), as well as the [FAQs](#) about the services. This session is for cargo requests only and do not address the passenger services provided by WFP Aviation. More information on passenger flights, including booking procedures, schedules and all other relevant information can be found on the [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#).
- WFP is accepting requests via the ESM for a cargo flight from Guangzhou to Dubai. In addition, light cargo may also be accepted on WFP Aviation passenger flights from Addis Ababa and Accra to destinations throughout East and West Africa depending on space availability on the aircraft. Click [here](#) to access all the details related to these opportunities.
- In cooperation with the Government of the Netherlands, the Logistics Cluster is scoping for interest with partners having ready-to-go cargo for a flight from Amsterdam to Mombasa, please reach out to: COVID-19@logcluster.org or insert your transport needs on the [CHOCOLAT](#) platform.
- WFP is arranging for one cargo flight from Liège to Addis Ababa on Tuesday, 26 May, that will be operated by a passenger Ethiopian Airlines aircraft in a combi configuration. Interested partners should contact covid19.aviationglobal@wfp.org for further details regarding this opportunity.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to consolidate [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.

2. Cluster Operations

Central African Republic

- The third and last ECHO-donated cargo flight was received from Lyon, France. Thanks to the three flights donated by ECHO, a total of 42 mt of COVID-19 response items were brought in-country for 11 organisations: ACF, Croix Rouge F, HI, MdM, MSF-France, MSF-Espagne, MSF-Holland, Oxfam, Plan International, Solidarités International and the World Bank.
- The Logistics Cluster, together with UNHAS, briefed USAID on how COVID-19 is affecting passenger and cargo transport operations.
- The Logistics Cluster has been collecting and consolidating 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 and regular updates on their humanitarian cargo currently on its way to the country.

Ethiopia

- The first Cluster Coordination meeting took place on 19 May with good attendance from partners. The National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) which is co-leading the Logistics Cluster's activation, identified the potential need for augmentation of staff at the regional level to support the information management and coordination functions.
- To gain a greater level of detail regarding partners' logistics gaps and needs, the Ethiopia Logistics Capacity Report was shared with focal points to capture regional level requirements of transport and storage.
- The Ethiopia Physical Access Constraints Report tool was launched to gather road access constraints across the country and provide current data for access constraint maps.
- The Gaps and Needs Analysis process and report are being finalised, with final inputs requested from partners. The results, which are instructing the Concept of Operations, will be presented to partners for feedback at the next Cluster Coordination meeting to be held on 26 May.

Pacific Region

- Several cargo flights are regularly serving the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) for routes that include:
 - Nauru, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea (PNG) – connections with Brisbane;
 - Cook Islands, Niue - connections with Auckland;
 - Fiji – connections with Auckland, Sydney and Los Angeles;
 - Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Palau, Northern Mariana Islands – connections through Guam, Hong Kong, Honolulu.

Considering the final destination of cargo, it is important to take available routes into account when undertaking procurement.

- A general reduction in demand, especially for non-essential goods, has led to changes in shipping services provided, including a reduced frequency of sailing and the use of smaller vessels. These changes are causing delays and knock-on costs with a negative impact particularly affecting the Solomon Islands and Nauru. Currently, Nauru is served by only one shipping line which has now introduced a COVID-19 tariff.

Somalia

- All ports remain operational (Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, and Bossaso). The port of Mombasa is operating as normal, albeit with some delays due to reduced workforce and social distancing measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19.
- Key airports remain open for cargo but continue to be closed to passenger flights. WFP trucks continue to have access to Mogadishu airport (AAIA), however, access may be given on approval for WFP staff and contractors. The situation is being monitored closely. As a contingency measure, WFP has hired local workers and trucks, as well as positioned two WFP staff at AAIA.
- The Ethiopia-Somalia and Kenya-Somalia borders remain closed for commercial entities. The Ethiopia-Somaliland border (Berbera corridor to Ethiopia) remains open for WFP. No COVID-19 related access issues have been reported in terms of internal road movements: curfews have not yet restricted movements or had a reported impact on operations.
- Due to heavy rains and consequent flooding, many secondary roads are intermittently impassable in the central and south regions of Somalia, affecting the road transportation of COVID-19 related relief items. The Logistics Cluster has published a map of [Flood Affected Roads](#) which will be updated as the situation evolves.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently facilitating airlifts of COVID-19 supplies on behalf of the Ministry of Health (MoH) the Office of the Prime Minister, WHO and other key health partners upon request.
- As of 18 May, over 17 mt had been dispatched to Dhusamareb, Kismayo, Baidoa, Jowar, Hargeisa, Beletwyene, Garowe and Barawe on behalf of the MoH. Cargo included hospital beds and other medical supplies. The Logistics Cluster has also facilitated the loan and installation of one Mobile Storage Unit to the MoH for the storage of medical equipment in Mogadishu.
- On behalf of the Office of the Prime Minister, the Logistics Cluster is coordinating the airlift of two ventilators from Mogadishu to Garowe. Coordination support is also provided for the airlift of an oxygen plant from Nairobi to Mogadishu.
- Due to flood-related damage to runways in the worst-affected areas in Somalia, UNHAS has mobilised an Mi8 helicopter to support the delivery of urgent relief items, which arrived in Mogadishu on 15 May. The Logistics Cluster will coordinate the use of these airlifts on behalf of the Government and humanitarian partners and share the provisional schedule as soon as available.

South Sudan

Operations

- The Logistics Cluster is consolidating requests for the common personal protective equipment (PPE) request system for prioritisation by the inter-agency PPE technical team. Once approved, the Logistics

Cluster will facilitate the transport of this cargo by air on behalf of WHO to multiple locations across the country.

- The contracting for increased temperature-controlled storage space (1,700 m²) for COVID-19 cargo in Juba has been completed.
- The Logistics Cluster is sharing information with in-country organisations on WFP Aviation Global Passenger Services and Emergency Service Marketplace as well as on the WHO COVID -19 Supply Portal.

Border status

- South Sudan's airspace is open for domestic, regional, and international cargo and passenger flights. Interstate cargo and passenger flights are operating, with the latter limited to essential missions.
- All land and river borders are open for humanitarian cargo with some delays, and domestic interstate cargo movements are operating normally, with humanitarian cargo exempt from restrictions.

Sudan

- The Logistics Cluster was activated on 7 May for a period of one year. A Gaps and Needs Exercise (GNE) must be completed in order to finalise a Concept of Operations (ConOps) which will outline the modality and scope of the Logistics Cluster operation. The GNE is currently in process and the Global Logistics Cluster support team is supporting with the compilation of the information. Meetings and interviews with organisations are ongoing.
- Currently all services are at full cost recovery, through WFP Bilateral Service Provision.

Yemen

- The Logistics Cluster has published a revised [Concept of Operations \(ConOps\)](#) and [ConOps Map](#).
- Complementary to the ConOps, the [WFP Guidance Note for Sea Cargo Transport from Port of Origin to Port Hudaydah \(Yemen\)](#) was also published. This will facilitate partners' access to sea cargo transport of containerised cargo into Hudaydah, by piggybacking on the WFP-chartered MV Elena vessel - that is moving food commodities from Jeddah to Hudaydah. By opening up to partners more broadly, an indispensable route for containerised cargo (dry, cold and temperature control) is shared with the entire humanitarian community.

3. Sector Operations

Bangladesh

- Cyclone Amphan is considered to be one the biggest cyclones in decades to hit the Bay of Bengal. As of 20 May, 10:00 local time, Cox's Bazar was not on the trajectory of the cyclone's eye. Continued rain and winds are expected over the coming days with occasional wind gusts and scattered heavy showers.

- The Cox's Bazar's COVID-19 material common storage hub should be operational in the coming week(s). The hub will be managed by Humanity and Inclusion (HI)-Atlas Logistique and will include a kitting service.

Nigeria

- All the Logistics Sector common storage facilities across Borno State remain operational for partners' use. Strict handwashing and sanitation measures have been put in place in all locations.
- The air cargo consolidation service managed by PUI has fully resumed. PUI has a movement pass allowing them to collect cargo from partner warehouses, consolidate and deliver it to the airport for onward delivery. Partners are encouraged to use the service as it remains an effective way of moving cargo, especially as overland movement is unpredictable.
- The Logistics Sector is planning on rolling out a survey on COVID-19 related gaps and needs to better understand the challenges partners are facing and where the Logistics Sector could potentially support. Partners are encouraged to participate in the survey which will be shared this week.

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