

## 1. Cross-cutting Updates

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- The Logistics Cluster invites partners to the eighth Global Logistics Cluster Call on Humanitarian Supply Chains during and for the COVID-19 response on Thursday, 4 June at 14:30 CEST. For dial-in details please contact [COVID-19@logcluster.org](mailto:COVID-19@logcluster.org).
- The last Global Logistics Cluster COVID-19 response conference call took place on 26 May and was attended by over 226 participants from 52 organisations. The minutes of this meeting will be published soon on the Global Logistics Cluster's [COVID-19 page](#).
- This is a reminder that 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](mailto:COVID-19@logcluster.org).
- 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](mailto:COVID-19@logcluster.org).

## 2. Cluster Operations

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### **Central African Republic (CAR)**

- The Logistics Cluster helped to receive cargo from the third round of the Initiative to Reverse COVID-29 which arrived at Bangui airport on a special Ethiopian Airlines flight on Saturday 23 May. This donation provides additional personal protection equipment (PPE) items to strengthen the humanitarian response to COVID-19 in CAR.
- A bilateral meeting was held between WHO Logistics and the Logistics Cluster to further discuss pipeline, inventory of medical items of stocks in country and needs assessment of items. The meeting also focused on the re-launch of the 'Commission Logistique', which was initially requested in March by the Ministry of Health and was primarily attended by health and WASH partners.
- In CAR, 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, 15 organisations, mainly health and WASH partners, have their humanitarian cargo currently on its way to the country.

### **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**

- A map on the status of DRC entry points and import restrictions related to COVID-19 has been finalized and can be accessed [here](#).
- The revised Humanitarian Response Plan has been prepared and submitted to OCHA. Discussions continue towards its finalisation.
- The Logistics Cluster has submitted a request for funding to the Belgian Government regarding a logistics platform project for the provision of transport and free storage in Kinshasa to benefit the humanitarian community.

### **Ethiopia**

- The procurement of 40 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) has been initiated in order to meet extra storage requirements. Pending funding, the plan is to preposition the to-be-purchased MSUs at central locations within the country for quick deployment to regional locations based on priorities and needs.

### **Somalia**

- Key airports remain open for cargo but continue to be closed to passenger flights; currently only Hargeisa airport is open for passenger flights for Ethiopian Airlines flights to Addis Ababa.
- The Logistics Cluster has also been coordinating requests for cargo for a potential flight from Europe to Mogadishu on behalf of ECHO. This potential humanitarian airbridge would carry both cargo (medical and non-medical items) and passengers and could be executed at mid-June at the earliest. Partners have been requested to submit cargo estimates by 28 May.
- The latest provisional cargo schedule for UNHAS, as of 11 May, has been published on the Logistics Cluster [Somalia page](#).

### **South Sudan**

#### **Operations**

- The Logistics Cluster continues to provide support for the COVID -19 response in country per [its guidance document](#), including the storage and transport of COVID -19-related cargo.
- As per the decision of the Inter-Agency Technical Team, personal protective equipment (PPE) requests related to case management in locations with active cases will be prioritised for transport. Last week, Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) 500 kits were dispatched by the Logistics Cluster on behalf of WHO to Lankien on behalf of MSF Holland and Malakal on behalf of MSF Spain.

### **Yemen**

- The Logistics Cluster is continuing to advocate for the lifting of COVID-19 quarantine measures for humanitarian cargo. This has been raised across all active humanitarian coordination fora and has been raised by the Humanitarian Coordinator at the highest levels. Partners will be informed of any evolution.

#### Cargo airlifts

- During the past week, WFP Aviation successfully completed two cargo flight rotations that departed from Muscat and Dubai and landed in Sana'a delivering 183 m<sup>3</sup> of medical items.
- Partners are advised to use Dubai as a preferred air transport departure point for cargo to be airlifted into Yemen.
- ECHO has confirmed availability to consolidate cargo in Europe and fly it to Sana'a or Aden through the EU Humanitarian Air Bridge. Following completion, additional rotations between Dubai – Sana'a – Aden may be possible. It is essential to urgently have visibility of the interested organisations and the overall cargo amounts for this potential air transport. Partners in need of air cargo transport through the EU Humanitarian Air Bridge, should send a SRF to [yemen.clustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:yemen.clustercargo@wfp.org) by **5 June COB** to allow the Logistics Cluster to consolidate partners' needs and share it with ECHO as soon as possible.

#### UNHAS flights

- UNHAS has relocated its fleet from Amman and Djibouti to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Both inbound and outbound UNHAS passenger air transport rotations between Aden and Addis Ababa have resumed quite regularly.
- The [UNHAS Yemen Flight Schedule June](#) has been published on the [Logistics Cluster Yemen Operation webpage](#).

### 3. Sector Operation

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#### Bangladesh

- Six Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are now erected in the Cox's Bazar COVID-19 special hub.
- The Logistics Sector has received a request from UNICEF for the storage of 400 boxes of medicine totalling a volume of 100 m<sup>3</sup> at the Cox's Bazar COVID-19 special hub.
- Cyclone Amphan preparedness activities were carried out in all the hubs and included securing the MSUs and protecting cargos from flooding and rain.

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