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## 1. Cross-cutting Updates

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- The Logistics Cluster continues to consolidate [Cargo Entry Point Updates](#) (CEPU), with an updated version published every three weeks, with the next issue coming out on Monday 31 August. 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).

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## 2. Cluster Operations

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### Ethiopia

- The Logistics Cluster is preparing a proposal for a preparedness strategy for logistics support and coordination in collaboration with WHO for a potential future COVID-19 vaccination campaign in the country.

### Somalia

- All ports remain operational (Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, and Bossaso).
- The lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) has been extended until 5 September. No significant operational impact has been experienced by partners so far. All airports in Somalia are now open for local and international passenger flights with the exception of Abudwak airport, which is still closed for maintenance works.
- WFP Aviation continues to charter flights within the East Africa region; however, some services are being scaled down in the coming weeks due to the resumption of commercial carriers. WFP will operate its last flight between Mogadishu - Addis Ababa v.v. on 28 August.
- Due to the reopening of Kenya airspace, UNHAS has resumed its weekly flight on route Mogadishu - Nairobi - Mogadishu as of 23 August. All passenger travels are subject to both governments' COVID-19 guidelines.
- As of 24 August, the Somaliland – Ethiopia border has been reopened (having been previously closed due to unrest in Ethiopia). The Somaliland - Djibouti border remains open but strictly for commercial trade. The Kenya-South Somalia (Madera) land borders remain closed for commercial entities. Central Somalia-Ethiopia (Dolow) border also remains closed; however, certain points may periodically be opened for trade, subject to bilateral agreements between local authorities of relevant border towns. So far, there have been no reports of operational impact to partners' activities.
- As of 20 August, over 37 mt of COVID-19 related cargo for various government, UN and key health partners has been transported on Logistics Cluster facilitated cargo airlifts to Dhusamareb, Kismayo, Baidoa, Jowar, Hargeisa, Beletwyene, Garowe, Guriel and Barawe.

### **South Sudan**

- As co-leads of the Operational Support and Logistics pillar along with WHO and in support of the COVID-19 National Response Plan, WFP, through the Logistics Cluster South Sudan, is tasked to conduct the centralised procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE) via the WHO COVID-19 Supply Portal. Lack of visibility and delays are currently being faced.
- Due to the need to respond simultaneously and in a timely manner to multiple emergencies, including COVID-19 and the flood response, the Logistics Cluster is relying on air transport to move urgent cargo to locations usually accessible by road and/or river.
- Since the COVID-19 outbreak in South Sudan, there has been an increase in reported bureaucratic challenges in obtaining Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) and Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism (JBVMM) clearances for cargo movement. This, combined with the current international travel restrictions impacting partners' ability to deploy staffs to the field, has affected the overall logistical efficiency of the humanitarian response in South Sudan.

### **Yemen**

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated partners' access to three WFP contracted airlifts.
- Two flights were conducted from Dubai to Sana'a 20 and 21 August, and one from Dubai to Aden 22 August.
- A total of 47.8 mt of COVID-19 related items were transported on behalf of seven partners.

## **3. Sector Operations**

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### **Bangladesh**

- The pipeline in Cox's Bazar is well maintained and currently not impacted by COVID-19 constraints.
- The Cox's Bazar COVID-19 special hub, offering common storage to partners, has seen an increase in the request for usage of the space.
- The Logistics Sector has received additional funding for the COVID-19 response from USAID.

### **Lebanon**

- Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases, a lockdown has been in place from 20 August for a duration of two weeks. However, this lockdown has not impacted the humanitarian response and the construction sector so far.

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