LOCATION
Addis Ababa, online

DATE
19 May 2020

CHAIR
Ato Tadesse Bekele, Senior DRM Adviser
Adham Effendi, Acting Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
• Partners’ participation is requested for the Gaps and Needs Exercise, extended for another 24 hours.
• Date for next Coordination Meeting set for 26 May 2020.

AGENDA
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. About the Logistics Cluster
4. Regional Updates
5. Updates from NDRMC
6. Next steps, Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA)
7. Partner Forum, FAQs and knowledge sharing

1. Welcome and Introductions

• Adham Effendi, Acting Cluster Coordinator, opened the floor to introduce the first cluster coordination meeting co-led by NDRMC.
• Ato Tadesse welcomed participants and introduced colleagues: Ato Tadesse Bekele, Senior DRM Adviser; Ato Ayderus Hassen, Logistics Operation Directorate Director; Ato Abdulkerim Issa, Commodity Management Team Leader; Ato Dawit Abraham, Logistics Officer, Ato Tewodros Demissie, Transport and Port Operation Team Leader.
• Adham Effendi introduced the Logistics Cluster Team: Adham Effendi, Acting Logistics Cluster Coordinator; Anne-Maud Drugeon, Logistics Cluster Deputy Coordinator; Andrea Rosales, Logistics Officer (ECC Liaison); Robin Andrew, Information Management Officer.

https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a
2. About the Logistics Cluster

- The Cluster Approach was developed in 2005 by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC); there are eleven clusters, in each of the main sectors of humanitarian action, working together to support the humanitarian community when gaps are identified.
- The Logistics Cluster is here to serve its partners through three pillars: coordination, information management and access to common services.
- The Logistics Cluster will identify common gaps and needs, through collaboration with partners, to overcome logistics constraints. When a common gap is identified the Logistics Cluster, with WFP as the lead agency and provider of last resort, will facilitate access to logistics services.
- Participation of partners with the Logistics Cluster is essential in collectively finding solutions, indentifying gaps and establishing access to services.
- The funding mechanism is reflective of the need of participating partners.
- The Concept of Operations is a key 'live' document used to establish the Logistics Cluster’s operational plan to alleviate the logistics gaps and bottlenecks experienced by partners.
- Information Management channels were presented:
  - Mailing List: ethiopia-logs@logcluster.org
  - Ethiopia Operation Page: https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a
  - Logistics Capacity Assessment, Ethiopia: https://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Ethiopia
- An infographic was provided to visually describe the operational activity of the Logistics Cluster in relation to other services provided by WFP and the private sector.

- Updates from WFP and other relevant operational information will be provided through the mailing list: ethiopia-logs@logcluster.org.
- The Emergency Service Marketplace (ESM) is offering free-to-user cargo transport from strategic hubs to regional staging areas. Partners can send their requests through the ESM website (https://emergency.servicemarketplace.wfp.org/). It is recommended that partners use one focal point to manage bookings, who can register on the site (https://emergency.servicemarketplace.wfp.org/register).
- Partners were reminded that cargo requests for the Addis Ababa air hub can be submitted to covid19.aviationglobal@wfp.org.
- WFP passenger flights were presented, with a new flight arranged for Thursday 26 May from Addis Ababa to Liege (Belgium) and back. Partners can book flights through the Humanitarian Booking Platform (https://humanitarianbooking.wfp.org/en/un-flights/).
- Some light cargo may also be accepted onto passenger flights; this can be arranged through the ESM platform.
- Partners were reminded of the COVID-19 Supply Chain System Process for consolidation and procurement of PPE, which is being facilitated by the Health Cluster.

4. Gaps and Needs Analysis

- The Gaps and Needs process was introduced; a key exercise to understand the logistics constraints of partners.
- The results will help inform the Concept of Operations, provided to partners for feedback and discussion in the next coordination meeting.
- Partners were invited to participate in this process which will be extended for an additional 24 hours.
- Additional data collection to understand partners’ requirements is happening bilaterally and via the Logists Capacity Report online (https://logcluster.org/document/ethiopia-gna-logistics-capacity-report-link).

5. Forum

- The Acting Cluster Coordinator reiterated that the Logistics Cluster’s activities and available services within Ethiopia will depend on funding received through the advocacy of its partners. It will continue to provide coordination and information management regardless.
- NDRMC voiced the importance of augmenting coordination and information management teams at the regional level to support operations.
• NDRMC highlighted the opportunity to provide capacity building of logistics staff by the Logistics Cluster to strengthen the co-led response with NDRMC.
• NDRMC voiced their concern on the increasing affected population due to COVID-19 and the need for resources to meet this challenge.
• The Acting Cluster Coordinator confirmed that the Logistics Cluster was activated to adapt to all conditions that were impacting its partners, not only COVID-19, and will adjust the operational plan as required.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26 May.

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