Meeting Minutes, 23 June 2020
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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ACTION POINTS
• The next Cluster Coordination Meeting is set for 30 June at 11:00 EAT.
• Partners are requested to submit Challenges and Needs reports to provide sufficient evidence to advocate for funding.
• Partners are requested to provide further quantity details of cargo in their upstream pipeline planning.
• Partners are requested to report Road Constraints to inform the Road Constraints map.

AGENDA
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Information Gathering
3. Aviation Updates
4. Government Measures
5. Logistics Updates and Challenges
6. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge sharing

1. Welcome and Introductions

• Adham Effendi, Acting Cluster Coordinator (ACC), opened the floor to introduce the sixth cluster coordination meeting co-led by NDRMC.
• The ACC encouraged partners to continue sharing information through the Challenges and Needs Report (https://logcluster.org/document/ethiopia-logistics-challenges-needs-report) to establish a detailed picture of logistics gaps and needs as well as quantities in terms of volume.
• Numerous requests for support have been received, overwhelming available funding coming through from the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF). The Logistics Cluster is expecting to receive more resources to make it fully operational.
Advocacy for funding by supporting partners to their respective networks on behalf of the Logistics Cluster is of upmost importance to remain able to provide support as required, since operation of the cluster is dependent on the availability of funds.

2. Information Gathering

- The existing communication channels for the dissemination of key information and products were shared, including the mailing list ethiopia-logs@logcluster.org and Ethiopia operations page (https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a).
- The Digital Logistics Capacity Assessment (DLCA) (https://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Ethiopia) for Ethiopia is currently being updated to provide essential information on logistics infrastructure and services in country.
- The dedicated COVID-19 response page (http://logcluster.org/COVID-19) provides essential updates and information to minimise disruptions in the supply chain of current humanitarian operations.
- Partners were encouraged to submit reports on the following:
  - The Logistics Challenges and Needs Report (https://logcluster.org/document/ethiopia-logistics-challenges-needs-report) provides a form for partners to report their ongoing constraints and challenges affecting operational activities, essential for triggering the facilitation of services and advocating the need to obtain further funding.
  - The Road Constraints Report (https://logcluster.org/document/ethiopia-road-constraints-report) allows partners to report on physical road constraints affecting operations, the data of which will be used to create Road Constraints Maps.
- To further involve partners in the information gathering, the Deputy Cluster Coordinator (DCC) confirmed that the Logistics Cluster will reach out bilaterally to partners. In particular, partners were requested to submit details of their upstream pipeline planning.

3. Aviation Updates

- The latest commercial flight departure schedule from Addis Ababa was presented. Partners were reminded that flights offered on the Humanitarian Booking Hub (https://humanitarianbooking.wfp.org) do not serve commercially available routes.
- Partners were asked to continue to submit upstream cargo movement requests via the Emergency Service Market Place.
- The latest schedule for WFP Aviation was presented. Schedules change often depending on demand. The Humanitarian Booking Hub shows the latest available passenger flights.

https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a
- The WFP Global Passenger Service began operation on 1 May 2020 and have delivered approximately 200 flights, with 5 different airlines.
- The passenger service reached 42 destinations since its initial operational date.
- The WFP Global Humanitarian Response Hub in Addis Ababa has handled an amount of cargo of 3530 cubic meters.
- Partners were requested to reach out to the Logistics Cluster team if they have any queries or need support.

4. Government Measures

- The Logistics Cluster has participated in a finalised multi-sectoral assessment on the points of entry and quarantine centres established in Ethiopia.
- The assessment was led by the Emergency Coordination Centre, in collaboration with the national government and multiple humanitarian agencies.
- The assessment had four objectives:
  - To observe the standard of service or operation at points of entry (POE) and quarantine centres (QC)
  - To identify gaps and needs
  - To give recommendations
  - To facilitate multi-sectoral response
- The Logistics Cluster and WFP were involved in the assessment of regions and POE such as Jijiga-Tog Wojale, Dire Dawa-Dewale, Gendewa, Metema and Galafi.
- The Logistics Cluster is currently offering support to relief some of the constraints observed by finalising the setup of mobile storage units at POE to increase waiting areas for better facilitation of the process for staff.
- The complete report of the assessment will be shared once finalised.

5. Logistics Updates and Challenges

- Partners who had already submitted Challenges and Needs Reports were thanked.
- It was advised that this process is ongoing and greater detail is needed from partners on specific needs, in particular the volume of required storage or transport.
- The basic assessment criteria were explained:
  - **No Impact** - The situation is manageable and mitigation measures are in place to meet operational requirements.
  - **Increasing Impact** - The situation is manageable, however, with a developing situation operation could start being impacted.
  - **Critical Impact** - It is having an impact on operations currently.
The Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) initial findings were presented, which are based on 25 reports from partners on challenges impacting operations:
- Six reports indicated a need for storage.
- Three reports showed a critical impact on storage.
- One report showed a need for cold chain and storage rehabilitation work, with a critical impact on operations.
- Five reports showed storage having an increasing impact on operations, with four of the five assessing storage availability as poor; the lowest rating.
- Five reports on transport showed an increasing impact on operations. Two assessed transport availability as poor.
- Eight of the reports requested air transportation at the respective locations of operations.
- One partner reported the need for cold chain at country level.
- The main bulk of requests is for Somali region.
- Partners continue to report storage concerns.

A number of requests have already been facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, including the provision of four MSUs to be installed at the Djibouti border to help establish screening centres and driver waiting areas.

Planned activities include coordination, information management, capacity strengthening and facilitating access to logistics services. The core pillars coordination and information management will be provided by the Logistics Cluster.

6. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge Sharing

- NDRMC supported the information gathering exercise of partners' needs, which is critical for providing evidence for resource mobilisation, and encouraged partners to submit information via the Logistics Challenges and Needs Report.
- WHO took the floor to mention the online platform the organisation is currently operating to provide solutions to the lack of personal protective equipment and related COVID-19 supplies, available to all humanitarian organisations.
- The cluster informed partners that the request to provide NDRMC with a rub hall in Dewale has been accepted, and the MSU will be made available at the requested site.
- A partner asked about the availability of market assessments conducted for trucks to know the current market rates. The Logistics Cluster shared that rates are related to the volume of cargo to be moved and the price is set to be fixed according to the contract signed with transporters, which is usually six months to a year.

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