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ACTION POINTS
- The next Cluster Coordination Meeting is set for 4 August at 11:00 EAT.
- Partners are requested to submit Challenges and Needs reports for funding advocacy purposes.
- Partners are requested to provide further details on quantity 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. Land, Air and Port Status
5. Logistics Updates and Challenges
6. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge sharing

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Hakim Froissart, Logistics Cluster Coordinator (LCC), opened the floor to introduce the eighth cluster coordination meeting co-led by NDRMC.
- Partners are encouraged 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.
- 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 the operation of the cluster is dependent on the availability of funds.

https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a
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 process, the Logistics Cluster will reach out bilaterally. In particular, partners are 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.
- Partners were requested to reach out to the Logistics Cluster team if they have any queries or need support.

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4. Land, Air and Port Status

- The most recent port, air and land status of neighbouring countries was presented.
- The port status suggests there are no current issues, as in Djibouti all marine time borders are open, in Somalia all ports are reported to be operational and in Kenya, Mombasa container ships continue to arrive without any major delays.
- Air status shows that in Djibouti, WFP Aviation is still operating but commercial flights are expected to be opened, whereas in Kenya, commercial flights are scheduled to resume on 1 August, in Somalia Hargeisa airport is open for passengers flying with Ethiopian Airlines and South Sudan requires COVID-19 test results or evidence of Q14 prior or after arrival to enter and has authorised international as well as regional flights.
- The land status clarifies there are no movement restrictions from Djibouti, South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Sudan to Ethiopia and vice versa on essential cargo movement except for the fourteen-day quarantine in Kenya, after border crossing that is slowing operations.

5. Logistics Updates and Challenges

- The Logistics Cluster has been working with NDRMC, ECC and OCHA to provide a contingency plan for the Oromia region where operations have been slowed down due to recent events in the area.
- The collected data on the availability of roads and warehouses was presented, most affected areas were reported to be Addis Ababa and forty woredas in eight zones, in the Oromia region Arsi, West Arsi, East Hararghe, Jimma, West Shawa, Finfine, Bale and South West Shewa.
- Oromia presents a high operational presence of partners, which also combines numerous access incidents as per reports, impacting the ability of partners to deliver assistance with many projects temporarily suspended.
- The Logistics Cluster can facilitate overland transport for humanitarian cargo as well as partner storage facilities to any accessible point within Ethiopia.
- The storage capacities of partners can be increased through Mobile Storage Units for common storage in key locations, as well as air cargo operations through UNHAS to domestic airports for critical supplies where access is a challenge.
- The Logistics Cluster will also provide essential information and fundamental links to overall logistics efforts across the country through enhanced coordination activities between relevant authorities from the government of Ethiopia and humanitarian partners to minimize duplication of efforts, streamline logistics activities and ensure efficient utilization of existing assets, including advocacy for prioritization of essential humanitarian cargo and critical supply.
- The Logistics Cluster recommended partners to access and share their pipelines for the next three months and implement a pre-positioning plan in preferred locations in case of access constraints in Oromia region, which also determines the additional space required by partners where the LC can support.
6. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge Sharing

- NDRMC supports 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.
- NDRMC supports the objective of the Logistics Cluster within the framework of the ECC which is established at federal level and is in a speedy progress of being replicated at regional level. Ato Tadesse from NDRMC introduced colleagues from ECC, where they shared that the Logistics Cluster can coordinate and have access to the regional ECC, for Oromia contingency plans as well as other plans.
- Partners gave an update on the operational constraints their organisation faced due to recent events in the region, specifically in West and East Hararghe and Gedeo and west Guji.

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