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ACTION POINTS
- The next Cluster Coordination Meeting is set for 18 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. Service Request Form
7. Guest Speaker: Mr. Laurent Phung from the World Health Organisation (WHO)
8. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge sharing

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Hakim Froissart, Logistics Cluster Coordinator (LCC), opened the floor to introduce the tenth 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.

https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a
• 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.

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:
  o 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.
  o 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.
• 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 asked to continue to submit upstream cargo movement requests via the Emergency Service Market Place.
• Partners were requested to reach out to the Logistics Cluster team if they have any queries or need support.

4. Land, Air and Port Status

• The most recent port, air and land status of neighbouring countries was presented.
• WFP Aviation is no longer operating in Rwanda and Kenya as commercial flights are now available.
• In contrast to last week’s update, no major changes have been reported, partners were directed to last week’s update published online.

5. Logistics Updates and Challenges

• The Physical Road Constraints map was presented, showcasing current challenges and delays in different areas of operation.
• In Gambella, the route to Mater and Burpe port remains inaccessible due to flooding; alternative access to South Sudan by river via Itang port was suggested. The corridor to Gambella ex-Nazareth via Nekemte and Jimma, as well as corridors ex-Gambella to the border points of Pagak and Raad are accessible.
• Reports for Dire Dawa show that the off-road route Dire Dawa to Gablalu is inaccessible due to floods and heavy rain in Galabu, not far from Erer; alternate route is Hadagalla.
• The route Dire Dawa-Adele-Kurfachele-Girawa-Mayu, was reported to have heavy rain that caused Lafto bridge to collapse. The government along with the local community arranged a temporary bridge, allowing trucks to cross.
• Some delays have been reported due to heavy rains in Sitti zone (Somali region) and Meyumuluke (Oromia region).

6. Service Request Form

• The Logistics Cluster showed the mandatory service request form (SRF) and partners were directed to use it to access services of the Logistics Cluster.
• The partners were reminded on the services the Logistics Cluster provides. These include storage in terms of mobile storage units (MSUs) as well as rented and shared capacities depending on needs; transport services by organising convoys and consolidating cargo for cost efficiency; and the facilitation of chartered air lifts for cargo within Ethiopia. Services also include the usual coordination and information management by closely working with NDRMC and other partners.
• The lead-time to provide feedback on the feasibility of a requested service is 48 hours and possibly less.
• A detailed briefing was given on the MSUs, sizes, the time it takes to erect them, and the pre-installation process. Partners were advised to request them as per their needs, whether it is storage or shelter.

7. Guest Speaker: Mr. Laurent Phung from the World Health Organisation

• The guest speaker presented what the WHO emergency operation has done for the contingency and emergency response of previous and current concerns in country as well the recent COVID-19 pandemic.
• The speaker gave a quick overview of WHO’s COVID-19 response as well as challenges faced, and support needed from various partners.
• In 2019/2020 WHO’s focus was mainly on the COVID-19 response, while also providing support for other emergencies in country such as cholera, nutrition and so on.
• WHO is supporting the implementation of the planned activities in collaboration with the federal and regional governments.
• The Ministry of Health (FMOH) is leading the overall responsibilities to the COVID-19 outbreak in Ethiopia through the emergency operation centre (EOC), while WHO is providing technical support to the EOC within the pillars of surveillance, points of entry, case management, risk communication and community engagement (RCCE), protection, planning recovery and surge capacity, finance and procurement, administration, laboratories, WASH, infection prevention and control, and logistics.
• WHO is taking the lead to set up the COVID-19 Logistics Supply Chain Management task force, to coordinate among the UN agencies and provide comprehensive UN operational support to the operational pillars of the EOC.
• The sub-functions of supply chain management, health logistics and operational support and the related activities and required resources are assessed among the task force members to map out the current capacities and strengthen them in the country in order to provide better operational support to the overall response of the COVID-19.

8. 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 underlined the necessity of using the weekly Logistics Cluster meeting to address critical areas where the cluster should focus on.
• As communicated by the ECC, a multi-sectoral campaign with the objective of reducing COVID-19 cases has been designed by the government and shared, with all sectoral ministries directed to have their
own tasks, and for the National Emergency Coordination Centre (NECC) to coordinate on all line ministries’ plans. The deadline for submissions is within two weeks.

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