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PARTICIPANTS	Action Against Hunger (ACF), CARE, Concern Worldwide, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), ECHO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), Save The Children, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), World Food Programme (WFP)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next Cluster Coordination Meeting is set for 8 September 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 quantities of cargo in their upstream pipeline planning.• Partners are requested to report road constraints to inform the Road Constraints map.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome and Introductions2. Information Gathering3. Aviation Updates4. Logistics Updates and Challenges5. Service Request Form6. Operation Overview7. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge sharing

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Hakim Froissart, Logistics Cluster Coordinator (LCC), opened the floor to introduce the twelfth 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 utmost 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:
 - 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.
- The Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) was issued originally in January 2020 (<https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/ethiopia-humanitarian-response-plan-2020-january-2020>) and has been updated with the revised Annex based on current situations (<https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/annex-update-2020-ethiopia-humanitarian-response-plan-may-2020>) in May 2020.
- 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. Logistics Updates and Challenges

- The [Physical Road Constraints map](#) was presented, showcasing current challenges and delays in different areas of operation.
- In Oromia, reports indicate road movement challenges in some parts of West Wollega, Bale, East Bale and East and West Hararge areas.
- There have been reports of challenges in Dire Dawa along the Jijiga route, Kumbi and Gablalu. The route to Dire Dawa is currently inaccessible due to heavy rain.
- The Kalafo bridge is at risk of collapse due to the recent flood, and heavy trucks have been banned from crossing it. If the bridge collapses many kebeles (wards) would become inaccessible.
- Access to many kebeles is also restricted due to the collapse of the bridge in Mustahil woreda (district), however, alternative roads are being used to reach the kebeles.
- All corridors to Gambella ex Adama via Nekemte or Jimma are now accessible. However, the corridor to Gambella via Dembi Dollo has been reported to be inaccessible.
- The route to Mater port in Gambella remains inaccessible due to flooding; alternative access to South Sudan by river via Itang port was suggested.

5. 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.
- Prioritisation of cargo was explained, detailing the processes of NDRMC, the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and feedback from the cluster.
- The lead-time to provide feedback on the feasibility of a requested service is 48 hours and possibly less.
- After feasibility and approval has been confirmed, cargo will be tracked by the Logistics Cluster through the RITA tracking system.

6. Operation Overview

- The Logistics Cluster presented and shared the current limitations in available funding. The USD two million from the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF) has been received and put to work to serve partners in terms of storage and air transport.

- Partners were reminded that they can request and receive mobile storage units (MSUs) as per their needs and that the Logistics Cluster is currently able to provide them.
- The Logistics Cluster has recently supported the essential movement of cold-chain cargo from Addis Ababa to Jijiiga, on behalf of WHO, to increase COVID-19 testing capacities in Somali Region.

7. 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 stressed the necessity to advocate for funding and share the current funding status of the Logistics Cluster more widely in order to raise funds and be able to alleviate the logistical limitations of partners in need.
- It was agreed by NDRMC and partners to change the frequency of the Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting to every two weeks. This can be adjusted if the situation requires so.
- The Logistics Cluster confirmed to continue to share essential information through the mailing list.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 8 September at 11:00 EAT.

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