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CHAIR	Ato Tadesse Bekele, Senior DRM Adviser Hakim Froissart, Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS	Addis Ababa University School of Commerce (AAU), CARE, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA), World Food Programme (WFP)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next Cluster Coordination Meeting is set for 22 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 thirteenth 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, Ethiopia operations page (<https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a>) and shared mailbox ethiopia.logclustercargo@wfp.org to reach the Logistics Cluster team to request for services.
- [The Digital Logistics Capacity Assessment \(DLCA\)](#) for Ethiopia is currently being updated to provide essential information on logistics infrastructure and services in country.
- The [dedicated COVID-19 response page](#) 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](#) 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](#) allows partners to report on physical road constraints affecting operations. This data will be used to create Road Constraints Maps.
- The [Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan \(HRP\)](#) was issued originally in January 2020 and has been updated with [the revised Annex](#) based on current situations 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](#) 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 the bridge at Hudet is still down, preventing direct access from Negele to Moyale.
- There have been reports of challenges in Dire Dawa–Meyumuluke/Kubi; the bridge is down at Kurfachelle. Partners are advised to use alternate route Meyu-Awayday-Kubi, which is 10 km further, and a very rough, hilly, narrow and one-way road that is only recommended for trucks with less than 20 mt capacity.

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- In Somali region, Kalafo bridge is at risk of collapse since May. Heavy trucks are advised not to cross the bridge and recent floods have deteriorated its condition. If the bridge collapses, many kebeles (wards) would become inaccessible. The alternative recommended route is through Kelafo-Gode-Kebri-Dehar-Ferfer.
 - Access to many kebeles is also restricted due to the collapse of the bridge in Mustahil woreda (district), alternative roads are being used to reach the kebeles.
 - All corridors to Gambella ex Adama via Nekemte or Jimma are now accessible.
 - The route to Metar 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 is working with the Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) coordinator to support the prototyping of a mapping tool.
 - The initial focus is to gather and map data of available protection services and resources in country, to provide a better overview of services available and to identify locations where more work is required.
 - The secondary focus of the project is to look at supporting potential reporting tools.
- As per the discussions held between WHO and the Logistics Cluster on the support the Logistics Cluster can provide on WHO operations, a preparedness plan has been drafted to enhance the cold chain systems and to identify and fix gaps in the existing supply chain required for routine vaccination, so that the capacity for mass vaccinations that are planned in the future can be scaled up.
- The Logistics Cluster presented and shared the current limitations in available funding. The USD 2 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.

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.
- WFP Djibouti took the floor to mention that they have temperature-controlled storage and are able to provide support as they are now developing additional cold chain capacities and can support any agency in Ethiopia that has cargo passing through Djibouti. Capacity is also available at Djibouti airport although on the expensive side.
- NDRMC informed the Logistics Cluster and partners of the flood emergency situation that is taking place throughout the country, especially in Afar and Oromia. The road inaccessibility in Afar region, Ambhara, Dulecha, Gewane, Gelalo and Awash Fentale was also reported. NDRMC has used both air operations and boats to rescue those affected in the areas by the floods and to transport food items to beneficiaries.
- NDRMC suggested a common platform for the gathering of the road constraints map and information from any part of the country with the collaboration and input from various actors.

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