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ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next Cluster Coordination Meeting is set for 20 October at 11:00 EAT.• The COVID-19 vaccine preparedness plan will be presented at the next Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) meeting.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Information Gathering2. Aviation Updates3. Logistics Updates and Challenges4. Service Request Form5. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge sharing

1. 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.
- The newly created Interactive Road Constraints Map is now available directly from the operation page: <https://logcluster.org/logie/ethiopia-interactive-physical-road-constraints-map>.

2. Land and Border Status

- There is truck congestion at Dewele border. The Logistics Cluster is following up with focal points for updates, which will be shared through the mailing list.
- Djibouti port operations are running as normal. COVID-19 procedures consist of a temperature check for truck drivers. The Ethiopian Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Health are looking to implement testing facilities at the border.
- Some delays are experienced at Djibouti port. Ethiopia has started using the port of Tadjoura (Djibouti), with testing facilities set up at both Tadjoura and Obock.
- Somalia and Kenya ports are operational.
- For air status, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority has updated the list of countries from which passengers are

allowed to enter the country without a mandatory quarantine, this includes Ethiopia.

- Partners are encouraged to share updates on land borders with the Logistics Cluster.

3. Logistics Updates and Challenges

- The [Interactive Physical Road Constraints Map](#) was presented. The tool provides greater granularity and frequency of updates on physical road constraints within Ethiopia. The tool will replace the existing static maps that are created weekly. The features of the map were demonstrated to partners.
- The recent physical road constraints reports were presented using the map:
 - The main corridors for the ports of Djibouti and Berbera have no constraint issues reported.
 - Adama, Amhara, and Tigray also have no reported physical road constraints.
 - Reports for Afar were still showing the following woredas (districts) as inaccessible: Awash, Fentale, Amibara, Duleche, Gewane, and Galeolo.
 - A recent WFP road assessment reported a broken bridge between Abala and Semera. Vehicles can pass via the riverbed, but if the river was to become flooded the road would be unpassable.
 - In Dire Dawa, the bridge at Kurfachelle is still down, preventing direct routes to Meyumuluke and Kubi. An alternative route is available at Meyu – Awayday – Kubi. However, this route is narrow and hilly so only recommended for smaller vehicles.
 - In Somali Region, the Kelafo and Mustahil bridges are still damaged, preventing access to areas. An alternative route via Gode – Kebri Dehar – Ferfer is advised for accessing kebeles (wards) nearer Ferfer.
 - In Gambella, the main corridors are accessible via Nekemte to Jimma. Journeys to South Sudan by river have to go via Itang port as the road is still inaccessible from Gambella to Mater port. The route between Dembi Dolor and Gambella is being reported as challenging to access.
 - In Oromia, the Negele bridge near Hudet is still down.
- The operation overview was presented, highlighting the key areas of activities:
 - The Logistics Cluster is currently working on the second round of funding from the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF), to include additional funding for transport and infrastructure services to support the humanitarian community. Partners were reminded that the cluster still has some mobile storage units (MSUs) available for augmenting existing storage or setting up storage in remote locations.
 - The Logistics Cluster received a request from IOM for two MSUs to support returning migrants and set up quarantine centers, and facilitated transport services for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to move MSUs to Dire Dawa.
 - The cluster also initiated rehabilitation work for 10 warehouses in Adama on behalf of NDRMC.
 - WFP Engineering is assessing four collapsed bridges that are affecting humanitarian access: Kelafo, Kurfachelle, Negele, and Hudat.
 - Partners were reminded to reach out to the Logistics Cluster for assistance. Assessment of partners' needs to obtain a fixed warehouse in Addis Ababa, available as common storage, is ongoing.
- Through consultation with WHO, a COVID-19 vaccine preparedness plan has been proposed to

facilitate the effective scale up of a cold chain supply chain to deliver vaccines across the country.

The idea is to build mobile units with refrigerated containers with temperature controls: +2, +8 and – 20 degrees Celsius; these will be used to increase the capacity of cold chain in the country to meet the potential arrival of vaccines next year.

- An order of four converted containers has been initiated for use by WHO as office space, with additional quotes expected for the procurement of converted refrigerated containers to support the operation.
- The plan is to have a main distribution in Addis Ababa with mobile units that can be positioned in different woredas.

4. Service Request Form

- Partners were advised to submit requests for assistance using the [Service Request Form](#) and send the form to ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org.
- Prioritisation of cargo was explained, with requests facilitated by the Logistics Cluster Relief Item Tracking Application (RITA) Officer and services prioritised and confirmed by the Logistics Cluster Coordinator, before a schedule of services is compiled and shared back to partners.
- After feasibility has been confirmed and the request approved, cargo will be tracked by the Logistics Cluster through the RITA tracking system.

5. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge Sharing

- Partners requested what support was available for MSU rehabilitation. the Logistics Cluster is able to assist but asked partners to send a direct request for support.
- NDRMC requested for the COVID-19 vaccine preparedness plan be presented in the weekly Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) meeting.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 20 October at 11:00 EAT.

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