Meeting Minutes, 20 October 2020

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



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Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP),

United Nations World Health Organisation (WHO)

ACTION POINTS• The next Cluster Coordination Meeting is set for 3 November at 11:00

EAT.

The COVID-19 vaccine preparedness plan will be presented at the

next Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) meeting.

AGENDA 1. Aviation Updates

2. Logistics Updates and Challenges

3. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge Sharing

1. Aviation Updates

- Partners were informed on the current phase out strategy of the WFP free-to-user COVID-19
 Common Services. As part of the phase out plans, free-to-user cargo movement requests will
 continue to be accepted through the <u>Emergency Service Marketplace</u> until 31 October, and all
 allocated cargo must be ready to be transported by the end of November.
- The <u>Humanitarian Booking Hub</u> will continue to serve partners on a cost recovery basis.
- Based on the current availability of commercial options and COVID-19 spread, WFP foresees that the
 requirements of The Global Passenger Services will continue until the end of 2020. WFP will re-asses
 with partners the need of services to continue beyond 2020.

2. Logistics Updates and Challenges

Physical Road Constraints

The recent <u>Interactive Physical Road Constraints Map</u> reports was presented using the map:

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- The main corridors for the ports of Djibouti and Berbera have no constraint issues reported. In Sudan/ Metema, operations are moving forward. At the border from Kenya via Moyale, trucks are smoothly transshipping.
- Adama, Amhara and Tigray also have no reported physical road constraints.
- Reports show that the main road to Asaita in Afar is now accessible. Although roads to woredas and kebeles are damaged by floods and need reconstruction, they can be accessed by small trucks.
- The main route to Amibara woreda is not accessible and boats are used to access some of the areas.
 There is an alternative route via Dullessa district.
- The Gewane, Gewaro and Awash Fentale roads are accessible up to the woreda capital, but there are some kebeles that are flooded by the Awash River.
- A bridge near Melka Werer has been reported to have collapsed and is completely flooded by the Awash River.
- In Oromia, floods are affecting access into some woredas.
- The bridge at Hudet is still down, preventing direct access from Negele to Moyale.
- In Mustahil, the bridge has collapsed, limiting access to many kebeles (including Mirdis and Cagadurwa). Alternative roads to reach affected kebeles are Kelafo-Gode-Kebri Dehar-Ferfer.
- All corridors to Gambella via Nekemte and Jimma are accessible, except the corridor to Gambella ex-Nazareth via Dembi Dollo, which is not accessible.
- WFP Engineering and the Logistics cluster have been involved in the assessment of collapsed bridges in Kurfachelle, Kelafo, Mustahil and Negele.
 - The Kurfachelle bridge in Dire Dawa was discovered to be damaged, but vehicles can pass via the riverbed for onward travel to Meyumuluke/Kubi. During the dry season, access should remain possible but in case of flooding the route would likely be inaccessible.
 - Kelefo bridge in Somali Region has been repaired to prevent further erosion and is passable.
 More work will be required to prevent further damage from occurring.
- Storage and transport availability for partners:
 - A warehouse space of 1000 m² in Addis Ababa, 9 km south of the airport, is currently being acquired for the availability and requests of partners in Addis Ababa. The Logistics Cluster is now finalizing the contractual procedures for the warehouse, which will be offered to partners on a free-to-user basis.
 - The Logistics Cluster is planning to facilitate access to five dedicated trucks of 5-10 mt each at the disposal of partners responding to the flood in the Afar region.
- The operation overview was presented, highlighting the key areas of activities:
 - Currently the Logistics Cluster, along with other humanitarian partners, is supporting the trucking of donated clothes to Afar region to support the flood-affected population.
 - The Logistics Cluster is supporting partners with the transport of two mobile storage units (MSUs) from Adama to Komboulcha as well as three MSU donations in Jijiga.
 - The Logistics Cluster is reviewing a request from NDRMC to provide additional MSUs in Afar region to support internally displaced persons (IDPs).

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- 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 MSUs available for augmenting existing storage or setting up storage in remote locations
- The Logistics Cluster is also seeking an extension of its activation to continue to support the needs of its humanitarian partners.

3. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge Sharing

- Partners requested to know about the duration of time they could utilize the storage space that will be made available acquiring in Addis Ababa. The Logistics Cluster informed the purpose of the storage is to provide for short period or in transit purposes.
- NDRMC/ECC appreciated the progress of the Logistics Cluster in terms of operations and funding and invited all to further discuss the resources present for the response to the floods and other operations.

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