
Meeting Minutes, 17 November 2020

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



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CHAIR	Adham Effendi, WFP Head of Supply Chain Andrea Rosales, Acting Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS	Catholic Relief Services (CRS), ECHO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Food for the Hungry (FH), International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), People in Need, Save the Children, ShelterBox, Shelter Cluster, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations World Health Organization (WHO)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next Coordination Meeting is set for 24 November at 11:00 EAT.• Partners are requested to complete the two vital surveys on pipeline needs into Tigray for the next 3 months and Partners' operational fuel requirements for the region.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Logistics Updates and Challenges2. Operation Overview3. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge Sharing

1. Logistics Updates and Challenges

Physical Road Constraints

The recent physical road constraint reports were presented using the [Interactive Physical Road Constraints Map](#):

- The main corridors for the ports of Djibouti and Berbera have no constraints reported. In Sudan/Metema, operations are moving forward. At the border crossing from Kenya via Moyale, trucks are smoothly transshipping.
- In Tigray, there are major restrictions in place.
- Adama and Amhara do not have reported physical road constraints.
- In the Afar region, severe flooding is still being reported across parts of Gewane, Gewaro and Awash Fentale. The main road to Asaita is damaged but accessible, and it is recommended that only small trucks use it. Capital areas are accessible but some kebeles (wards) are still flooded.
- A bridge near Melka Werer has been reported to have collapsed and is completely flooded by the Awash River.
- In Oromia, there are restrictions in East Guji zone from Negele to Borena.

- The bridge at Hudet is still down, preventing direct access from Negele to Moyale. Alternative routes have not been reported.
- The Western Kelem Wolega has also reported physical road constraint issues due to floods.
- In Dire Dawa and Jijiga, the bridge at Kurfachele is passable due to the river being dry; it is recommended that only small trucks use it.
- Somali region reported that there is no flooding preventing access as it is dry season.
- In Mustahil, the bridge is still down, 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. Main corridors from Gambella to the border points of Pagak and Raad are accessible, while the corridor from Gambella to Matar port is flooded and now inaccessible. Alternative access to South Sudan by river is now via Itang port.
- Storage and transport availability for partners:
 - The warehouse space of 1000 m² in Addis Ababa, 9 km south of the airport, is fully operational. It is ready to serve partners on a free-to-user basis.
 - The Logistics Cluster is in the process of facilitating access to five dedicated trucks of 5-10 mt each at the disposal of partners responding to the flood in the Afar region. The fleets will be positioned at Adama (one 5 mt and one 10 mt truck) and Semera (two 5 mt and one 10 mt truck).
 - Partners can request support for services, whether transport or storage, using the [Service Request Form \(SRF\)](#).

2. Operation Overview

- The operation overview was presented, highlighting the key areas of activities:
 - The Logistics Cluster is currently supporting one partner by providing warehouse space in Addis Ababa.
 - The Logistics Cluster is facilitating three mobile storage units (MSUs) for COVID-19 in Galafi and Eli-dier Points of Entry for Shelter Cluster and IOM activities.
 - The Logistics Cluster is currently working on receiving 40 additional MSUs to continue to support partners with increased storage space in hubs and in remote areas.
 - The Logistics Cluster is working with the WFP Engineering team for warehouse rehabilitation across the country, in coordination with the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC).
 - The Logistics Cluster, in partnership with IOM, will provide technical support to Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) by developing a mapping tool to help increase the availability and accessibility of information.
 - The Logistics Cluster has received a contribution of USD 800,000 from the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF) as well as USD 2 million from USAID to support humanitarian partners with their logistical needs, the preparedness work for a potential cold chain

vaccination campaign, and to support other emergencies in the country, like the desert locust, flood and COVID-19.

- The WFP presence in terms of hubs was presented to partners; depending on partners' needs, the Logistics Cluster can provide additional storage space in addition to MSUs through commercial storage at WFP hubs.
- The Logistics Cluster is also ready to provide dedicated fleets to transport partners' cargo in a coordinated manner.

3. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge Sharing

- The Logistics Cluster discussed the two different surveys that have been shared with partners in order to collect information and get a better view on what support the cluster can provide for partners.
 - The [first survey](#) requests partners to share their three-month operational needs in terms of cargo pipeline requirements in Tigray Region, while the [second survey](#) is on partners' operational fuel requirements in the region.
- Partners were requested to complete both surveys for the Logistics Cluster to anticipate needs accordingly.
- Partners were informed of the yearly peak fertilizer season, and the consequential anticipated congestion at Djibouti port and potential limit in transport options. It is vital for the Logistics Cluster to understand the humanitarian needs for a thorough, solid logistics network to be put in place.
- Partners requested information on potential humanitarian access in inaccessible areas in the north, specifically in Tigray region. The Logistics Cluster informed partners that potential entry points are being considered, but it is too early to decide from where the response should take place. A preparedness plan that depends on the needs of the humanitarian community as well as SOPs are currently drafted.
- The Logistics Cluster agreed with partners to have the Cluster Coordination meetings on a weekly basis considering the current situation.
- The Logistics Cluster has also announced the agreed and approved extension for another year. Depending on the situation, gaps and needs, the Logistics Cluster might be able to support humanitarian logistics activities in country.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 24 November at 11:00 EAT.

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