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<b>LOCATION</b>	Addis Ababa, online
<b>DATE</b>	24 November 2020
<b>CHAIR</b>	Ato Tadesse Bekele, Senior DRM Adviser Andrea Rosales, Acting Logistics Cluster Coordinator
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Action Against Hunger (ACF), CARE, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Concern Worldwide, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Food for the Hungry (FH), National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Save the Children, ShelterBox, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), United States Agency for international Development (USAID)
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The next Cluster Coordination Meeting is set for 1 December at 11:00 EAT.</li><li>• Partners are requested to complete the two vital surveys on <a href="#">pipeline needs into Tigray for the next 3 months</a> and <a href="#">Partners' operational fuel requirements for the region</a>.</li><li>• The Logistics Cluster to share Service Request Form (SRF) through the mailing list.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Physical Road Constraints</li><li>2. Operation Overview</li><li>3. Information Gathering for New Response Needs</li><li>4. Service Request Form</li><li>5. Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge Sharing</li></ol>

## 1. Physical Road Constraints

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

- No changes have been reported in the main corridors from the ports of Djibouti and Berbera, with transport moving well. At the border crossing from Kenya via Moyale, trucks are smoothly transshipping.
- Due to the current situation in Tigray, there are still major restrictions in place in the region.
- In the Afar region, reports remain the same; the main road to Asaita is damaged but accessible, and only small trucks are recommended to 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 Zone has also reported physical road constraint issues due to floods.
- In the Somali region, there are no reports of flooding preventing access currently, 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. The road to Gambella via Dembi Dollo has accessibility issues. Main corridors from Gambella to the border points of Pagak and Raad are accessible. The route from Gambella to Matar port is flooded and still inaccessible. Alternative access to South Sudan by river is via Itang port.

## 2. Operation Overview

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The operation overview was presented, highlighting the key areas of activities:

- The Logistics Cluster is currently supporting partners by providing warehouse space in Addis Ababa; the 1000 m<sup>2</sup> storage space provided is now 80% occupied. Partners can request storage space using the Service Request Form (more guidance on this in section 4).
- The Logistics Cluster is in the process of acquiring additional storage space of approx. 3500 m<sup>2</sup> in Adama to be used as a common storage space for partners. The space is expected to be ready within two weeks.
- 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 facilitating three mobile storage units (MSUs) for COVID-19 in Galafi and Eli-dier points of entry for Shelter Cluster and IOM activities.
- The contractual process of facilitating access to five dedicated trucks at the disposal of partners responding to the flood in the Afar region has been completed. Two trucks with the capacity of 10 MT will be positioned in Adama for any zone in Afar while three trucks with the capacity of 5 MT will be positioned in Semera for any zone in Afar.
- As part of a preparedness plan, the Logistics Cluster is exploring common storage options in different areas such as Adama and Kombolcha.
- 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.

## 3. Information Gathering for New Response Needs

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- A compiled figure of partners' three-month pipeline needs for Tigray region in terms of transport and fuel was presented.

- According to the data gathered from partners, the current stock ready to depart to Tigray region amounts to 25,643 mt. The estimated three-month pipeline of stock that has not yet arrived in country amounts to 62,409 mt.
- Information has been collected on partners' hubs in the Tigray region, to explore the possibility of sharing available capacity within the humanitarian community. According to the data gathered, partners have 301,151 mt storage capacity, of which 40% is available.
- The fuel data gathered showed that partners' needs in terms of petrol is 2000 litres/month and diesel 73,640 litres/month.
- Partners who have not yet filled out the surveys were encouraged to do so. There are two surveys: [pipeline needs into Tigray for the next 3 months](#) and [Partners' operational fuel requirements for the region](#).
- It is essential for the Logistics Cluster to know partners' preparedness plans for Tigray in terms of logistics activities and stock levels, in order to avail common storage space in key areas or have increased transport capacity.

## 4. Service Request Form

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- Partners were advised to submit requests for assistance using the [Service Request Form](#) and send the form to [ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org](mailto:ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org)
- Both storage and transport can be requested on the same request form and all details should be provided in order to assess the feasibility, which will take up to 48 hours.
- After the 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

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- NDRMC informed partners that it has been assigned as the responsible government body to manage the crisis in the north of the country. Ten clusters are included in the National Emergency Coordination Centre (NECC) arrangement: Agriculture and livestock Cluster (MoA with FAO), WASH Cluster (MoW with UNICEF), Health Cluster (MoH with WHO), Nutrition Cluster (MoH with UNICEF), Food Cluster (NDRMC with WFP), Logistics Cluster (NDRMC with WFP), NFI and Shelter Cluster (NDRMC with IOM), Children Women Protection Cluster (MoW with UNHCR), Education Cluster (MoE with UNICEF) and Site Management Cluster (NDRMC with IOM).
- NDRMC has prepared a response plan, which will be operational once physical access to the affected population is available.
- 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.

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- Partners asked if air operations are part of the response plan for the Tigray region. The Logistics Cluster plans to facilitate common storage and common transport if added response capacity will be required. If air assistance is an option, it may be made available for critical items when required.
  - NDRMC closed the meeting by voicing its appreciation for the preparedness plan that is in place, as the magnitude of response required to support the affected population is currently unclear.

**The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 1 December at 11:00 EAT.**

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