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ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next Cluster Coordination Meeting is set for 8 December 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.• The Logistics Cluster to share customs procedure updates.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Physical Road Constraints2. Operation Update3. Tigray Preparedness Plan4. Service Request Form <p>Partner Forum, FAQs and Knowledge Sharing</p>

1. Physical Road Constraints

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

- No changes or congestion have been reported in the main corridors from the ports of Djibouti and Berbera to Addis Ababa, with transport moving well via Togwajale and Jijiga to Addis Ababa. At the border crossing from Kenya via Moyale, trucks are smoothly transshipping.
- In the Afar region, flooding has decreased due to the current bega (dry) season. The Gewane, Gewaro, and Awash Fentale roads are accessible until the woreda (district) capital, leaving some kebeles (wards) flooded by the Awash river.
- A bridge near Melka Werer remains collapsed and is completely flooded by the Awash River.
- In Oromia, there are road access constraints 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 constraints due to floods.
- Due to the current situation in Tigray, there are still major restrictions in place in the region.
- In the Somali region, there are no reports of 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.
- The bridge in Kelafo is accessible but access to the area remains a problem while the bridge in Mustahil is down.
- Reports from Gambella indicate that the road from Gambella to Matar port is now accessible by vehicles and trucks up to 40 mt. There are still access issues on the road to Gambella via Dembi Dollo. Recommended routes are via Nekemte and Jimma.

2. Operation Update

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

- The Logistics Cluster is currently supporting partners by facilitating access to warehouse space in Addis Ababa; the 1000 m² storage space provided is now 80% occupied. As the full storage space will be available in two weeks, partners can request space using the Service Request Form (SRF - more guidance on this in section 4).
- The Logistics Cluster is finalizing an additional storage space of 3900 m² in Adama to be used as common storage space for partners.
- 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. Partners are requested to submit their needs using the SRF.
- The Logistics Cluster is acquiring 40 additional mobile storage units (MSUs) to support partners with common storage. Partners are requested to submit an SRF to access the common storage.
- Since the activation of the Logistics Cluster, 11 partners have been supported with 20 services facilitated including storage (800 m²), transport (1995 m³) and technical assistance (eight MSU installations in nine different locations). The Logistics Cluster has held 19 coordination meetings so far with 31 partners attending.

3. Tigray Preparedness Plan

- Due to the current situation in Tigray region, many areas in the neighbouring Afar region have been affected as well, and the humanitarian situation is increasingly deteriorating.
- A rapid assessment is currently in progress in seven out of ten affected woredas of Afar region that are bordering Tigray region, namely Aba'ala, Berahle, Konaba, Dalol, Magale, Erebti and Yalo woredas.

- The partners in the assessment are to be confirmed and will be presented in the next coordination meeting.
- The objective of the assessment is to visit the internally displaced persons (IDP) sites and to understand the logistics bottlenecks and challenges.
- The Logistics Cluster can, depending on access and resources, avail MSUs and dedicated fleet for the humanitarian community as required.
- 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 five partners, the current stock ready to depart to Tigray region amounts to 24,783 mt. The estimated three-month pipeline of stock that has not yet arrived in country amounts to 48,466 mt as reported by eleven partners.
 - The fuel data gathered from two partners showed a requirement for petrol of 2000 litres/month and for diesel of 85,340 litres/month.
- The Logistics Cluster has collected information on partners' hubs in the Tigray region, to explore the possibility of sharing available capacity within the humanitarian community. As per the data gathered, partners have 301,151 mt storage capacity, of which 40% is available, reported by six partners.
- The fuel data gathered showed that partners' needs in terms of petrol is 2000 litres/month and diesel 85,340 litres/month as reported by two partners with need.
- Partners were reminded to share information on their current and planned activities if they have not done so yet. They were also kindly requested to fill in the two surveys: [pipeline needs into Tigray for the next 3 months](#) and [Partners' operational fuel requirements for the region](#). It was also stressed that the Logistics Cluster will mainly focus on supporting non-food-items; however, coordination support can be provided for food items as well and partners should split the data into food and non-food items for better clarification and coordination.

4. Service Request Form

- Partners were advised to submit requests for assistance using the [Service Request Form](#) (SRF) and send the form to ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org.
- It is essential for partners to complete the form with the necessary details, especially weight and volume.
- Both storage and transport can be requested on the same SRF. 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

- Partners shared information on three assessments planned to take place with various agencies in Western Tigray, Southern Tigray and Western Afar along with the provisional objectives. The first

assessment to be conducted, in Western Afar, commenced on 1 December from Addis Ababa. The results of the assessment and information gathered will be shared with the Logistics Cluster. The other assessments are still in the pipeline.

- Partners requested information on the plan of the Logistics Cluster to have a hub in Kombolcha. The Logistics Cluster has not set a defined plan to establish an extended delivery point in Kombolcha; partners will be informed if there are any updates.
- Partners asked about the plans of the Logistics Cluster regarding cold chain. The cluster is currently focusing on facilitating access to MSUs and dedicated trucks but will adjust depending on needs and major gaps.
- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that there is a preparedness plan in place to potentially preposition fuel in strategic locations for partners' access, but support from partners in terms of advocating for funding is vital.
- A suggestion was made by the partners to start a quick communication channel on WhatsApp where all partners can be active.
- Partners had queries on the lead time currently affecting the cargos entering the country and if the Logistics Cluster can support partners in that area. Partners were informed that there is a protocol in place where COVID-19 cargos are to be cleared immediately and other cargos have to follow the normal procedure. The customs procedures will be shared to partners as a refresher. The peak season is anticipated to last until June 2021 and dedicated humanitarian fleets might be facilitated to alleviate the bottlenecks, but the logistics Cluster needs to assess the demand as well as funding for these plans. Djibouti port might become congested, but currently there are no operational bottlenecks.
- NDRMC stated that the assessments planned by various clusters and organisations should engage regional governments or woreda level authorities and respective clusters in the areas of operation, whether assessment or response.
- NDRMC stressed the necessity of clearly indicating food response and non-food response cargo including quantity as well as the partners who are engaged in food/non-food activities. This is important in order to prioritise in any logistical arrangement the Logistics Cluster has set up.
- 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.
- NDRMC closed the meeting by reminding partners that they are welcome to share and discuss any logistics or customs related issues in these meetings.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 8 December at 11:00 EAT.

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