1. Physical Road Constraints

The recent physical road constraint reports were presented using the [Interactive Physical Road Constraints Map](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a):

- Main corridors from Djibouti, Berbera, and Kenya via Moyale are operating smoothly.
- Routes from Amhara region through Kobo and through Gondar towards Tigray border are physically accessible.
- The route from Gambella to Ninyang via Banyrial is accessible via a new bridge that is located in Banyrial, 4 km before reaching Jekow.
2. OCHA Updates

- OCHA released the latest Access Snapshot of Tigray for February [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a).
- Latest figures indicate that 3.8 million people in Tigray live in areas that are partially inaccessible and hard to reach.
- While the access situation is improving, access to rural areas remain challenging.
- There is an ongoing assessment by OCHA to determine which areas/roads in Tigray are accessible.
- Initial assessment findings indicate that the main road from Mekele to Shire is accessible.

3. Mekele Hub Update

- The Logistics Cluster established a logistics hub in Mekele, in the Tigray region. The hub provides 1600 m² of common storage space for partners and one Logistics Cluster officer has been deployed to coordinate common services.
- The first Logistics Cluster meeting in Mekele took place on 2 March at the WFP office in Mekele and was attended by 10 partners.
- Partners shared their interest to use Logistics Cluster services and to set up a system for information sharing and coordination of logistics activities.

4. Operation Update

- This week, the Logistics Cluster submitted four clearances on behalf of partners for cargo destined to Mekele and Shire.
- 20.5 mt of cargo on behalf of two partners has been delivered to Shire on 22 February.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the delivery of around 70 mt of humanitarian cargo on behalf of five partners to Mekele on 23 February.
- A convoy carrying around 16 mt of cargo on behalf of two partners dispatched to Shire on 28 February.
- Two trucks with cargo on behalf of one partner will be dispatched to Alamata next week.

February Overview:

- In February, the Logistics Cluster facilitated seven convoys to locations in Tigray (four to Shire and the Mai Tsebri camps, three to Mekele), carrying cargo on behalf of 13 partners.
- 187 mt of cargo in support of the Tigray humanitarian response was delivered to locations inside Tigray.
- The Logistics Cluster has submitted 19 cargo clearance requests to the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), as the co-lead of the Logistics Cluster.

As a reminder, below are the storage and transportation services that can be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster for the Tigray response:

- There is 3900 m² of warehouse space available in Adama as common storage for partners.
- The warehouse in Gondar (2400 m²) currently has 800 m² available.
- The logistics hub in Kombolcha (1500 m²) currently has 1000 m² available.
• The warehouse in Addis Ababa (1000 m²) currently has 250 m² available. This warehouse is used for the consolidation of cargo that is to be dispatched to Gondar, Kombolcha, and Semera.

• Partners requesting storage services are invited to fill in the Service Request Form (SRF) and send it to Ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org.

4. NDRMC Updates

• NDRMC reaffirmed their commitment to ensure the clearance process is timely and efficient, and the potential to issue blanket clearance for humanitarian cargo movements as partners’ operational responses increase.

5. Transporting Fuel

• The Logistics Cluster informed partners that Dangerous Goods require separate storage facilities that may not be readily available at the Logistics Cluster facilitated hubs.

• Currently, the Logistics Cluster can facilitate the transport of fuel, but not storage. In Gondar, an arrangement is in place to load the fuel barrels the same day as dispatch for destinations in Tigray.

• Fuel stations are available in areas surrounding Tigray. If partners require assistance with finding fuel, they are advised to contact Satyen Tait (satyen.tait@wfp.org), the Logistics Officer in Gondar, directly to arrange.

6. Clearance Process

• The Logistics Cluster presented a recap of the clearance process to clarify the procedures and expected timeline of processing requests.

• For partners independently arranging the movement of their cargo and requesting clearance only, the first step is to fill out a Cargo Movement Form and send it to Ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org by Friday COB, indicating whether the cargo is intended for host communities/Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) or for the refugee population.

• Partners requesting facilitation to transport their cargo as well as clearances must fill out a Service Request Form and send it to Ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org by Friday COB.

• The Logistics Cluster will compile all requests on Monday of every week. In order for the request to be processed, all the information provided on the forms must be correctly filled in. The Logistics Cluster submits the completed forms to relevant authorities (NDRMC/ARRA) by Monday COB, and the clearances are expected to be received within 24-72 hours.

• Once clearances are received, transportation will be set in motion within 24-48 hours. Please note that for the timely dispatch of cargo to the final destination, partners must ensure that their cargo is prepositioned in Logistics Cluster hubs on time. Otherwise, the request will be processed the following week.

The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for 9 March at 11:00 EAT.
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