Highlights

- The Logistics Cluster has established a logistics hub in Mekele, in the Tigray region. The hub provides 1600 m² of common storage space for partners and one Logistics Officer has been deployed to coordinate common services.
- 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.
- During the month, the Logistics Cluster held three coordination meetings, attended by 33 organisations, including national and international NGOs, other clusters, and UN agencies.
- 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.

Background

The deteriorating humanitarian situation in Tigray, combined with the rise of COVID-19 cases, have increased the humanitarian needs in Ethiopia. Dire shortages of vital supplies, including food, water, fuel, cash and essential medical supplies are affecting people across the Tigray Region. The Logistics Cluster is working together with the Federal Government’s National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), in order to establish operational details and obtain clearance for humanitarian supplies to reach the intended destinations. The Logistics Cluster is responding to the needs of partners by establishing logistics hubs for consolidation of supplies and to serve as truck assembly points in strategic locations near the entry points of Tigray, to allow for an efficient, coordinated response once access is permissible. Through the hubs, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to storage and transportation services for partners.

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Coordination & Information Management

- Coordination by the Logistics Cluster includes activities and technical support to enhance collaboration between relevant authorities and partners. Regular coordination meetings and information sharing mechanisms ensure the streamlining of logistics activities and the minimization of duplicated efforts.
- The Logistics Cluster provides essential information management support to enable a smooth and coherent flow of relevant information to all partners, specifically on road constraints, accessibility, and regular updates.
- The Logistics Cluster published **eight information management products** on the [website](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a) over the course of February. The Interactive Physical Road Constraints map is updated continuously and can be found [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/eth20a).

Logistics Services

- The Logistics Cluster has established four logistics hubs in key strategic locations (Gondar, Kombolcha, Semera and Mekele) to provide humanitarian partners with access to common storage facilities, dedicated transport, and truck assembly points.
- In Gondar, the Logistics Cluster has made available a 2400 m² storage capacity for partners to position their stocks. There is currently one dedicated Logistics Cluster officer on the ground for coordination. Recruitment is ongoing for two logistics assistants and one storekeeper.
- In Kombolcha, the Logistics Cluster has made available a 900 m² warehouse and two mobile storage units (640 m²) for partners to position their stocks. There is currently one dedicated Logistics Cluster officer on the ground for coordination, and two dedicated convoy leaders. Recruitment is ongoing for two logistics assistants and one storekeeper.
- In Semera, the Logistics Cluster has set up two mobile storage units with a capacity of 640 m² for partners to position their stocks in this location. There is currently one dedicated Logistics Cluster officer on the ground for coordination. Recruitment is ongoing for a logistics assistant and storekeepers.
- In Mekele, the Logistics Cluster has made available a 1600 m² storage capacity for partners to position their stocks. There is currently one dedicated Logistics Cluster officer on the ground for coordination.
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to dedicated fleets to support the humanitarian community.

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