1. Cluster Activation

The Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) activated the Logistics Cluster in Ethiopia on 29 April for a period of six months. The Logistics Cluster will work with the national Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC), in charge of coordinating the multi-sector response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) to address both existing and new humanitarian needs.

To understand the logistics bottlenecks impacting partners’ operations, a Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) is being conducted involving interviews with participating organisations’ focal points. The results of the GNA will be shared through the Cluster Coordination meeting and will help inform the Concept of Operations.

The first Cluster Coordination meeting, in consultation with the NDRMC, has been set for Tuesday 19 May 2020 10:00 EAT. Further updates will be shared via the Ethiopia-logs@logcluster.org mailing list and website.

2. Current Border Status

- **GENERAL**: Land border only open for essential goods. Cross border transport ongoing by truck and rail, with limited number of truck drivers on duty. Slight truck shortage due to spike in demand. Delays in courier services due to clearance processes for both airfreight and sea freight imports.

- **SUDAN**: Borders between Ethiopia and Sudan via Gallabat (Gadarif State) and Kurmuck (Blue Nile state) are fully closed. However, discussions are ongoing between the Ethiopian and Sudanese authorities to re-open the border via Gallabat in the coming weeks.

- **KENYA**: Land movement between Ethiopia and Kenya will be allowed for essential goods. Cargo movement will continue to be allowed but only 1 driver and maximum 2 crew allowed per truck. As of Thursday 7 May, the Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Transport confirmed the testing of truck drivers will be undertaken 48 hours before loading and that the driver and assistant are to carry their certifications to present them at the borders, with a repeat test after 14 days.

- **SOMALIA**: Border entries continue to check drivers prior to the dispatch of trucks from Somalia to Ethiopia. Temperature tests are taking place but is not affecting operations. Commercial supplies are not permitted to cross at this time.

- **SOUTH SUDAN**: Land border only open for essential goods. From Ethiopia, road and river access to South Sudan is allowed, Land border only open for essential goods. From Ethiopia, road and river access to South Sudan is allowed, significant restrictions are in place with exemptions granted for cargo and fuel tanks, strict control for truck drivers at the borders with potential quarantine for drivers with Covid-19 symptoms.

- **DJIBOUTI**: No restrictions on cargo movements from Djibouti to Ethiopia. Cargo ships are operational but at limited capacity due to congestion in Djibouti. Temperature checking and disinfecting of cabins is taking place for trucks coming from Ethiopia to Djibouti. Truck availability is limited.

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3. Passenger Services

WFP has established a passenger service through the Emergency Service Marketplace to support the humanitarian community by providing air transport services within a network of strategically located hubs. WFP is pleased to announce the following flights during the week commencing 11 May:

**East Africa:**
1. Friday, 15 May flight Addis Ababa – Entebbe – Addis Ababa
2. Friday, 15 May flight Addis Ababa – Accra – Addis Ababa
3. Friday, 15 May flight Addis Ababa – Dar es Salaam – Addis Ababa

**West Africa:**
1. Thursday, 14 May flight Accra – Abuja – Ndjamena – Accra
2. Thursday, 14 May flight Accra – Bangui – Accra
3. Friday, 15 May flight Accra – Bamako – Accra
4. Friday, 15 May flight Accra – Addis Ababa
5. Saturday, 16 May flight Accra – Abuja – Ndjamena – Accra
6. Saturday, 16 May flight Accra – Bangui – Accra
7. Sunday, 17 May flight Accra – Bamako – Accra

Passengers arriving from Abuja, Ndjamena, Bangui and Bamako may connect to Addis Ababa on Friday using below flight:
Friday, 15 May flight Accra – Addis Ababa

Passengers arriving from Addis Ababa and passengers travelling between the countries in the region may connect to below flights:
Saturday, 16 May flight Accra – Abuja – Ndjamena – Accra
Saturday, 16 May flight Accra – Bangui – Accra
Sunday, 17 May flight Accra – Bamako – Accra

WFP would like to encourage all partners to finalise their account registration by contacting covid19.aviationglobal@wfp.org and follow updates on available flights on https://humanitarianbooking.wfp.org/en/wfp-aviation/, as well as to book passenger flights as early as possible to enable a smooth and far-reaching passenger service.

**BOOKING DEADLINES**
For the flights scheduled on Thursday 14 May passenger bookings need to be submitted by closure of business Monday 11 May.
For the flights on Friday 15 May by closure of business Tuesday 12 May.
For the flights on Saturday 16 May and Sunday 17 May by closure of business Wednesday 13 May.
4. Cargo Movement Requests

WFP, through the Emergency Service Marketplace, is accepting cargo movement requests for several planned cargo flights available on a free-to-user basis, details as follows:

- 15/16 May a dedicated charter from Liege to Addis and Accra, 100mt capacity. (TBC)
- Capacity will be made available on one weekly flight from Guangzhou to Addis, Accra and one weekly flight from Guangzhou to Addis and Johannesburg.
- Some light cargo may also be accepted on WFP Aviation passenger flights above subject to available space on the aircraft.

Partners wishing to ship cargo on these flights should submit requests through the Emergency Service Marketplace.

Please note that cargo must be ready for outbound shipment immediately upon delivery at the hub/airport. All paperwork must be completed in advance, including customs clearance and final quality inspection. Please see the Marketplace for special instructions regarding cargo bound for Guanghzou, China.

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