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# Meeting Minutes, 7 February 2023

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Addis Ababa, online
<b>DATE</b>	7 February 2023
<b>CHAIR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ato Tadesse Bekele, Senior Ethiopia Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC) Adviser</li><li>• Pamela Onyango, Deputy Logistics Cluster Coordinator</li></ul>
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	ACAPS, ACTED, Alight, Action Against Hunger (AAH), Care International, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Concern Worldwide (CWW), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Handicap International, International Committee for the Development of People (CISP), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), International Medical Corps, International Organizations for Migration (IOM), Islamic Relief, Lutheran World, Medical Teams International, Plan International, Medicines du Monde, Save the Children, SNV, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), USAID, Welthungerhilfe, World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), World Vision Ethiopia
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners to share regular reports with the Logistics Cluster confirming the arrival of their cargo at the destination in Tigray by writing to <a href="mailto:ethiopia.humanitarianconvoys@wfp.org">ethiopia.humanitarianconvoys@wfp.org</a></li><li>• The Logistics Cluster and EDRMC will host a workshop for the humanitarian partners and the Customs Commission on 8-9 February in Addis Ababa. Cluster coordinators are requested to appoint participants from their respective clusters. Cluster coordinators should send the names of the appointed representatives to <a href="mailto:pamela.onyango@wfp.org">pamela.onyango@wfp.org</a>.</li><li>• Despite the limited available capacity of the workshop with Customs, all partners are invited to send in any questions they may want to see addressed during the workshop by writing to: <a href="mailto:hannah.bamberger@wfp.org">hannah.bamberger@wfp.org</a></li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EDRMC Updates</li><li>• Situation Updates</li><li>• Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations</li><li>• Partners Discussion and Any other Business (AoB)</li></ul>

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## 1. EDRMC Updates

- EDRMC informed partners that following the government's instruction, the National Bank of Ethiopia has transferred five billion Birr to Tigray banks in the past week.
- EDRMC recommended to partners to consult with their respective banks before enquiring on the notification letter from EDRMC.

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## 2. Situation Updates

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### OCHA Updates

#### Tigray:

- OCHA shared that some access challenges were reported in the past week by the partners in Western Tigray, May Tsebri and the Southern Zone of Tigray. This reportedly affected partners' ability to provide assistance to the communities in these areas.
- OCHA informed partners that there is an ongoing access mission from Gondar to bordering areas with Eritrea including Zalanbesa.
- OCHA urged participants not to act in response to misleading information about access shared on the internet or social media. Participants are advised to contact OCHA and UNDSS for any updates on access.

#### Afar:

OCHA shared that movement along the Semera-Mekele corridor has been smooth, with a majority of humanitarian supplies reaching Tigray via this corridor.

#### Amhara:

- OCHA informed partners that there are access challenges in two woredas in Waghamera Norwaq and Tsegabji.
- According to OCHA, access assessments being conducted along these areas with different cluster leads including, Food, Health, Nutrition, Wash, Protection and ESNFI Clusters.
- Additionally, OCHA shared that there were some security challenges along the route from Addis Ababa-Shoa Robit -Dessie. The roads are reopened but partners were informed to move with caution when using these routes.
- **Oromia:** OCHA mentioned main roads in Oromia including Nekemte, Southern Oromia to Hawassa and Bule Horra have faced security incidents in the past week. OCHA is planning to conduct a mission to the region in the coming weeks.
- For further inquiries, partners can reach out to: [casafont@un.org](mailto:casafont@un.org)

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## WFP Bilateral Service Provision (WFP-BSP)

- WFP-BSP shared the fuel allocation and release status with partners. Since November 2022, 93,507 litres were transported to Mekelle and Shire, out of which 718,365 litres of fuel have been released to partners. At the time of reporting, 185,142 litres of fuel are available for distribution.
- WFP-BSP reminded partners to settle the outstanding payments that are pending on their side. WFP-BSP emphasized that this is affecting their full cost recovery mechanism.
- WFP-BSP informed partners that the fuel survey for the month of March 2023 is open until 14 February 2023. Partners can access the survey [here](#).
- Additionally, WFP-BSP shared the link for the Service Market Place assessment. The [link](#) will be open until 10 February 2023 for partners to request the types of services.
- Any questions about WFP Bilateral Service Provision can be addressed to: [addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org](mailto:addisababa.serviceprovision@wfp.org)

## 2. Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations

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### Cargo Movement to Tigray Updates

- Between 15 November 2022 and 7 February 2023, the Logistics Cluster received confirmation from partners that a total of 150,400 mt of humanitarian cargo and 1,116,088 litres of fuel on behalf of partners arrived in Tigray. Out of the arrived cargo, the majority (120,300 mt) were transported via the Semera corridor, followed by the Gondar corridor (19,300 mt) and the Kombolcha corridor (10,800 MT).
- Since 15 November, a total of 4,084 trucks were submitted to EDRMC for support letters, and 4,049 have received the support letter at the time of reporting.

### Upcoming Customs workshop

- The Logistics Cluster shared that an upcoming customs workshop will be held in Addis Ababa between 8-9 February 2023 at Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- Partners were informed that participants from 16 organisations have been registered to attend the workshop.
- Participants are appointed by cluster leads, who should have shared the names by 1 February COB with [pamela.onyango@wfp.org](mailto:pamela.onyango@wfp.org).

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## Storage Updates

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners on the storage capacity available: 95% of the storage capacity is available in Addis Ababa, 25% in Adama, 66% in Semera, 63% in Mekelle, 79% in Shire, 75% in Gondar and 50% in Kombolcha.

***The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 February at 11:00 EAT online***

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