Operational Highlights

- In the month of March, the Logistics Cluster focused on partner capacity strengthening through trainings. In March, the Logistics Cluster conducted two training courses (Warehouse management and Cargo Transport Planning) at the Kality warehouse in Addis Ababa.
- The Logistics Cluster continued to support the humanitarian community in securing the required EDRMC Support Letters for the movement of humanitarian cargo to Tigray. The movement of cargo to the Tigray region also continued smoothly.
- Commercial flights to Tigray continue to operate three times a week since the resumption of the flight on 28 December 2022, with regular flights from Addis Ababa to Mekelle. UNHAS operated passenger flights twice a week, both to Mekelle and to Shire from Addis Ababa.
- In March, a total of **eight Logistics Cluster coordination meetings** were held in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, Bahir Dar, and Shire in which **53 partners** participated.
- The Logistics Cluster published **seven Information Management products** in March 2023 including the Annual infographic for 2022.

Background

- Despite access constraints related to security along the Gondar-Shire via Humera corridor, humanitarian partners continued to move humanitarian cargo to Tigray, mostly through the Afar corridor (Semera-Mekelle).
- With the support of humanitarian partners informing the Logistics Cluster of the safe arrival of humanitarian cargo to Tigray, the Logistics Cluster was able to provide the humanitarian community with a snapshot of the humanitarian cargo arriving in Tigray since the resumption of movement on 15 November 2022.
- Between 15 November and 31 March 2023, a total of 5,264 trucks were reported as arrived by partners, representing 207,427 MT of humanitarian cargo and 44 fuel tankers carrying 1,575,592 litres of fuel. A majority of the confirmed arrived cargo as of 31 March reportedly used the Semera-Mekelle corridor (167,707 MT), followed by the Gondar-Shire corridor (24,759 MT) and finally the Kombolcha-Mekelle corridor (14,960 MT).
- In regards of the EDRMC support letter consolidation and submission, a total of 22 letters were submitted to EDRMC in March, representing a total of 788 trucks carrying 30,739 MT of humanitarian cargo and seven fuel tankers on behalf of two partners with 201,916 litres of fuel.

Coordination and Information Management

- In the current context in Northern Ethiopia, the Logistics Cluster aims to focus more on partner capacity strengthening in 2023. Based on the partners' needs, the Logistics Cluster has drafted a tentative training calendar.

- The training topics include warehouse management, transport and dispatch planning, food management, quality control and fumigation, Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) installation and dismantling, basic vehicle inspection and maintenance, fuel management, and Logistic Capacity Assessment.
- In the past month, Logistics Cluster conducted two trainings in the Kality warehouse, Addis Ababa:
    - Between 7 to 9 March, Logistics Cluster conducted the warehouse management training, to which 49 participants from 31 organisations participated in the training.
    - Additionally, Logistics Cluster facilitated a cargo transport planning training between 28 to 30 March. A total of 33 participants from 21 organisations attended the training.
- In March 2023, the Logistics Cluster held a total of eight coordination meetings in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, Bahir Dar, and Shire in which 53 partners actively participated. Following the discussion with partners the Addis Ababa Coordination meeting was held on a bi-weekly and hybrid basis as of March 2023.
- The Logistics Cluster published seven information management products in the past month.

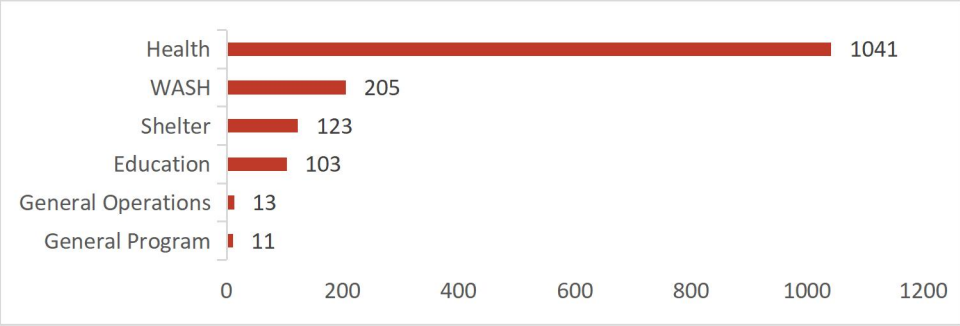
Common Logistics Services

- In March, storage and transportation services were available to partners through the seven Logistics Cluster hubs active in Ethiopia.

Storage

- The Logistics Cluster received **1,495 m³ of humanitarian supplies on behalf of seven partners for storage**. Majority of the cargo was received in Mekelle (38%), then in Adama (27%), Shire (21%), Semera (8%), and Gondar (6%).
- Most of the cargo consisted of Health (70%), Wash (14%), Shelter (8%), Education (7%), General operation and General program (1%).
- As of 31 March 2023, the **closing stock at hand consisted of 3,602 m³ of humanitarian supplies on behalf of 13 partners across the Logistics Cluster-facilitated warehouses** in Adama, Addis Ababa, Gondar, Semera, Mekelle, and Shire.

Graph: Cargo received for storage (m³) in March 2023 by category of product

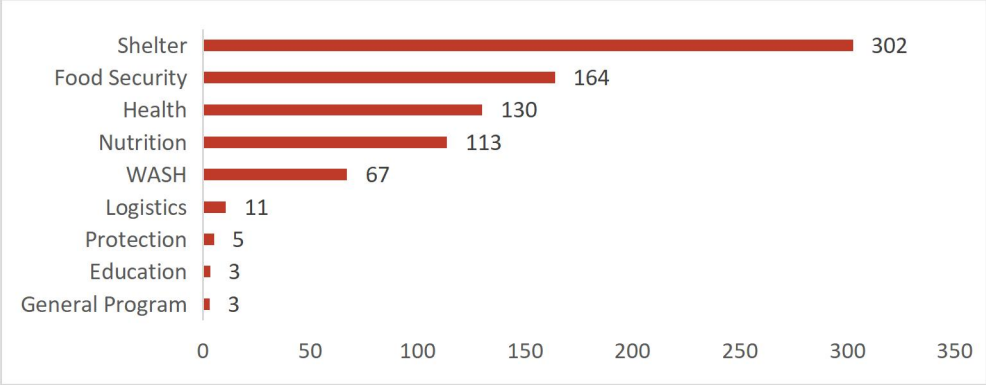


Source: The Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA)

Road and Air Transport

- A total of 798 MT of humanitarian cargo on behalf of 18 partners were transported by Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks, destined for three regions (Tigray, Amhara, and Afar).
- The majority (80.6 %) of the cargo was destined for Tigray, (19.2%) for Amhara, and (0.2%) destined for Afar.
- The Logistics Cluster also continued its facilitation of access to the airlifts. In March, 99 Kg of Agriculture cargo on behalf of one partner was airlifted from Addis Ababa to Mekelle.
- The process for accessing the airlift of cargo to Tigray remained the same, with the requirement of securing line approval support letters and clearances from relevant authorities.
- The graph below shows the type of products transported during the reporting month. Most of the items consisted of Shelter (37.9%), Food Security (20.5%), Health (16.3%), Nutrition (14.2%), WASH (8.4%), Logistics (1.3%), Protection (0.6%), Education (0.4%), and General program (0.4).

Graph: Cargo transported (MT) in March 2023 by category of product



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Logistics Cluster facilitating a warehouse management training in Kality warehouse between 7-9 March 2023

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Logistics Cluster facilitating a cargo transport planning training in Kality warehouse between 28-30 March 2023

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