# Meeting Minutes, 6 June 2023

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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| **LOCATION** | Addis Ababa, in-person |
| **DATE** | 6 June 2023 |
| **CHAIR** | • Ato Tadesse Bekele, Senior Ethiopia Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC) Adviser<br>• Andrea Rosales, Logistics Cluster Coordinator |
| **PARTICIPANTS** | African Humanitarian Aid and Development Agency (AHADA), Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI), Concern World Wide, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Ethiopia Children and Mothers Development Centre (ECMDC), Hingo Forum, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Misgana Child and Family Development Ethiopia (MCFDA), MSF Holland, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Plan International, Save the Children, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Officer for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), We are Alight, World Food Programme (WFP),World Vision Ethiopia, ZOA |
| **ACTION POINTS** | • Logistics Cluster will send a survey link on behalf of UNHAS through the mailing list to receive partners and organization heads feedback regarding the service by going through For UNHAS Passenger Satisfaction Survey (Passenger/User feedback) and For UNHAS Provision of Access Satisfaction Survey (Head of agency/organization feedback)<br>• Partners to share regular reports with the Logistics Cluster about the confirmation of the arrival of their cargo at the destination in Tigray by writing to ethiopia.humanitarianconvoys@wfp.org.<br>• The Logistics Cluster will share an invite email for the next Warehouse Management training in Shire by the end of the week.<br>• The Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings will be held on a bi-weekly basis, in person at WFP Country Office (Addis Ababa). The next coordination meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 20 June at 11:00 EAT. Partners wishing to attend the meeting in person shall send their names on Monday 19 June before noon to saron.addisu@wfp.org |

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**AGENDA**

- OCHA AWG Updates
- Agriculture Cluster Updates
- Flood and Drought Response
- Logistics Cluster Updates
- AOB

# 1. OCHA AWG Updates

- **Benishangul Gumuz**: OCHA conducted a security and access mission to Guba Woreda, Metekel zone in the past week. The security situation in Metekel zone has improved and currently accessible for humanitarian operation.
- Despite to the access improvement in the Guba Woreda, public services have not started providing their service yet and the roads need maintains as they are on poor condition.
- **Amhara:** Except for tow woredas in Waghemra zone (Abergele and Tsegebaji) most areas in the region remain accessible.
- According to OCHA apart from 3 kbelles in Abergele, most of them remain accessible in Abergele and In Tsegebaji 3 kebelles out of ten are accessible.
- Partners were informed that the damaged bridge from Sekota to Zata in Tsegebaji is expected to be maintained in the coming week according to OCHA so access to those kebelles will be visible.
- Additionally, OCHA mentioned that the focus in Amhara region include East Gojam, North Wollo, Shoa and Gonder where recently several security situations were reported in the past weeks.
- **Tigray:** OCHA informed that there are security situations in the areas along the border with Eritrea and the African Union monitoring team located in Mekelle is working on the access situation in these areas.
- For further updates on access partners can reach out to christopher.orina@un.org

# 2. Agriculture Cluster Updates

- The Agriculture Cluster shared the achievements on delivery to the areas in conflict in different regions of the country including Tigray, Somali, Oromia, and SNNP regions from December 2022 up to 31 May 2023. Different agricultural inputs including fertilizers and vaccination has been dispatched to these regions.

- The Agriculture Cluster shared that there were some challenges on delivery due to Security situation in some areas, Government clearance paper works and Lack of owned warehouse.
- For further information related to the Agriculture Cluster partners can reach ntandoyenkosi.mlobane@fao.org .

## 3. Flood and Drought Response

- The Flood Task Force is preparing a Flood contingency Plan for the 2023 Kiremt season. EDRMC has asked all regions to provide feedback on the draft flood estimated for 2023 Kiremt. At the time of reporting a response from one region (Gambela) was received.
- According to the Ethiopian Meteorology forecast it is expected the floods are likely to affect the same areas in the coming rainy season that were affected in the past year
- Additionally, following to the flood situation a cholera outbreak is reported in some areas mainly in SNNP region. As there are only few partners in this region to the humanitarian response of the cholera outbreak partners were informed large scale of humanitarian support is needed.

## 4. Logistics Cluster Updates

**Cargo Movement to Tigray Updates**

- Partners were reminded that following the government announcement to lift the requirement of support letters for humanitarian cargo moving to Tigray, in April Logistics Cluster is requested to keep tracking of cargo arriving in Tigray.
- The Logistics Cluster highlighted the health items and IT equipment are still required to secure MoH and INSA support letters.

**Status of Corridors to Tigray**

- **Gondar Corridor** - According to reports, one partner has reached Shire via Gondar (May Tsebri) in the past week.
- **Kombolcha corridor**: One partner reported 2 truck arrivals to Tigray via Kombolcha in the past week.
- **Semera corridor**: One partner reported the arrival of 5 trucks via Semera.

**Ethiopia – Sudan Border Updates**

- The Logistics Cluster shared that the Council of Sudan and the Federal emergency committee is in Port Sudan.
- A permission for the importation of goods via Gallabat/Metema is still pending.

**Port Sudan Clearing agent**

- Partners were informed that the clearing agents in Port Sudan have been added to the Sudan Logistics Capacity Assessment. To progress in broadening the list, partners were encouraged to share additional contacts they may have via sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org
- Please note that the inclusion of vendor information in the list is in no order and does not imply any business relationship between the supplier and the WFP/Logistics Cluster, which maintains complete impartiality and is not able to endorse nor comment on any company's suitability as a reputable service provider.
- Following the activation of the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) in Sudan, a dedicated webpage is now online.

**Training Updates**

- Partners were informed that a Warehouse Management training was conducted in Mekelle **between 31 May – 2 June.** 33 participants attended the training, 18 female and 15 male from 16 organisation.
- In Shire the Warehouse Management training will be given between 20-22 June 2023.

## AOB

- Following the discussion on crossing of trucks along the Metemma border to Sudan One partners shared there are currently 2 trucks of ICRC awaiting clearances at the Metema border carrying health items.
- Partners were urged to share the warehouse capacity of their organisation for the purpose of Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) update in 2023.
- One partner asked whether line ministry letters remained mandatory to transport medical and IT equipment to Tigray after obtaining information to the contrary. Partners was advised the line ministry letters are mandatory and will reach out to EDRMC and follow-up for further directions and clarifications.

***The next coordination meeting is on 20 June 2023 at 11:00 EAT in person.***

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