Operational Highlights

- Access to Northern Ethiopia continued to improve in June, as partners continued to send supplies to Tigray using the majority corridor Semera (98.1 %), Kombolcha corridor (1.6 %), and the rest 0.3 % for Gondar. However, the Gondar-Shire corridor has still faced unpredictable security concerns.
- In the last month, the government announced the lifting of support letters to transport humanitarian health items. However, Support Letters from the Information Network Security Agency (INSA) are still required to transport IT equipment to Tigray.
- The Logistics Cluster is operating as a last resort in Northern Ethiopia in June, focusing on areas where commercial transporters are still reluctant to venture into or where there are access constraints due to the improvement in the security situation.
- The number of arrival reports for partner trucks increased from 30 in May to 51 in June. Although this is the lowest increase compared to previous months, it is still a significant increase.
- In the month of June, the Logistics Cluster continued its efforts on building up partner capacity through training. One training course was facilitated on Warehouse Management Training in Shire.
- In June, a total of 7 Logistics Cluster coordination meetings were held in Addis Ababa, Mekelle, Bahir Dar, and Shire in which 42 partners participated.
- The Logistics Cluster published three Information Management products in June 2023 including the meeting minutes and operation overview for the month of June.
- In the month of June, The Logistics Cluster also finalized the update of the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA), pending final review and clearance.

Background

The resumption of cargo movement in November 2022 has led to improved access to Tigray for partners providing humanitarian assistance. In June 2023, the government announced that support letter for health items would no longer be required for humanitarian cargo moving to Tigray. However, partners are still required to secure an INSA support letter to transport IT equipment.

The peace agreement in November 2022 has also led to improved access to commercial services, transporters, and airlines in Northern Ethiopia. As a result, partners are now able to access some areas by their own trucks in June.

The Logistics Cluster has continued to follow up with partners on the arrival of trucks into the Tigray region. In June, a total of 51 trucks carrying 1,176 metric tons (MT) of humanitarian cargo and one fuel tanker carrying 20,000 Liters of fuel were reported to have arrived in Tigray. According to reports, the Semera-Mekelle route was the most used, with 779 MT of confirmed cargo as of June 30. The Kombolcha corridor followed with 328 MT, and the Gondar corridor with 69 MT.

The improvement in access to Tigray is a positive development, and it is hoped that this progress will continue in the coming months.

Coordination and Information Management

- In June, the Logistics Cluster continued to provide further training based on partner needs and with the aim of building their capacity. The Logistics Cluster facilitated a warehouse and inventory management training course in the Shire between 20- 22 June, in which 37 participants (12 Female and 25 Male) from 26 organizations attended the training.
- In June, the Logistics Cluster worked on finalizing the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) update for Ethiopia. The LCA is an inter-agency emergency preparedness tool that provides a comprehensive overview of a country's - or a region's - infrastructure and capacities.
- The LCA document for Ethiopia has 35 sections and will be published on the Logistics Cluster website once the necessary clearance process is done.
- In June a total of coordination meetings in the different hubs of the Logistics Cluster (Addis Ababa, Mekelle, Shire, and Bahir Dar), to which 42 different partners actively participated.
- The Logistics Cluster published three information management products in the past month, including the meeting minutes, and operation overview for the month of June.

Common Logistics Services

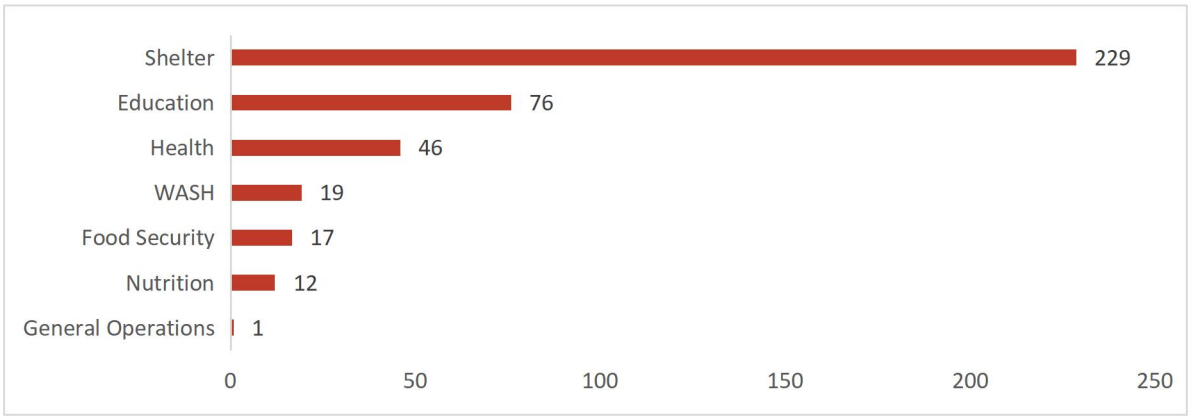
- Logistics services remained available to partners through seven hubs of the Logistics Cluster in Ethiopia, subject to access and security constraint. In these hubs, the Logistics Cluster provides humanitarian partners with access to common storage facilities, dedicated transport, and truck assembly points. Partners can submit their requests for storage or transport services via ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org, filling out the Service Request Form (SRF).
- Due to the improvement of access after the peace agreement the Logistics Cluster is operating as a last resort in Northern Ethiopia, focusing on areas where commercial transporters are reluctant to venture or access constraints due to the improvement in the security situation.

Storage

- The Logistics Cluster received 399 m3 of humanitarian supplies on behalf of six partners for storage. Most of the cargo was received in Gondar (49 %), Mekelle (37%), Shire (9%), Kality (4%), and Adama (1%).
- Most of the cargo consisted of Shelter (57%), Education (19%), Health (11%), WASH (5%), Food security (4%), Nutrition (3%), and General operations (1%).

- As of 30 June 2023, the closing stock at hand consisted of 3,491 m3 of humanitarian supplies on behalf of 12 partners across the Logistics Cluster-facilitated warehouses in Adama, Addis Ababa, Gondar, Semera, Mekelle, and Shire.

Graph: Cargo received for storage (m^3) in June 2023 by category of product

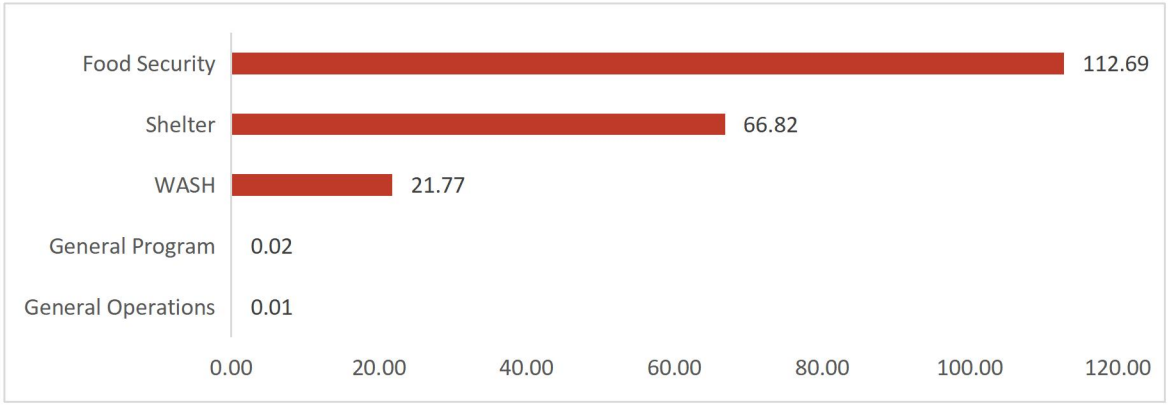


Source: The Logistics Cluster (Relief Item Tracking Application – RITA)

Road and Air Transport

- A total of 201 MT of humanitarian cargo on behalf of 8 partners were transported by Logistics Cluster-facilitated trucks, destined to Amhara, Gambella, and Tigray regions.
- Since the access in Northern Ethiopia has been improved, there was no airlift in June.
- The majority of the cargo was destined for Tigray (61 %), Amhara (26%), and the rest 13 % for Gambella.
- The graph below shows the type of products transported during the reporting month. Most of the items consisted of food security (55.9%), Shelter (33.08%), WASH (11%), and the 0.02 % includes General operation, and General program.

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



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The *Logistics Cluster facilitating a Warehouse Inventory and Management training in Shire between 20 - 22 June 2023:*

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