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# Meeting Minutes, 15 August 2023

Mekelle, Ethiopia



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**LOCATION**                      Mekelle

**DATE**                              15 August 2023

**CHAIR**                             The Logistics Cluster

**PARTICIPANTS**

CARITAS-Switzerland (CACH), COOPI, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Mums for Mums, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO)

**ACTION POINTS**

- 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](mailto:ethiopia.humanitarianconvoys@wfp.org). Partners with a presence in Mekelle can also report on arrivals in person to the Logistics Cluster staff in Mekelle.
- Logistics Cluster to follow up with partners on the retrieval of aged cargo in the warehouse.

**AGENDA**

1. Situation Updates
2. Operational Updates within Tigray
3. Logistics Cluster updates
4. FAQs and Partner Discussion

## 1. Situation Updates

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**OCHA Access Working Group Updates**

- OCHA shared that a team from the African Union (AU) conducted an assessment in Korem and Alamata in south zone of Tigray. OCHA indicated that the assessment report will be shared as soon as it is finalized.
- Reportedly, another Joint assessment was also conducted to Eastern Zone, mainly to Erob wereda to conduct general security assessment and road security assessment by OCHA. According to OCHA, the mission report will be shared as soon as it is finalized.
- For further information, partners are encouraged to contact [lwam.awetahagne@un.org](mailto:lwam.awetahagne@un.org)

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## 2. Operational Updates within Tigray

- The Logistics Cluster shared that 0.5 mt of WASH items belonging to two partners were dispatched from the warehouse in Mekelle on 9 August and 10 August to be distributed to different health facilities in Tigray.
- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster received 10 mt of Health and WASH items belonging to three partners between 07 August and 14 August.
- Partners were also informed that the Logistics Cluster supported one partner with 4 trucks to transport 22.2 mt of shelter items from Mekelle to Shire on 03 August.
- The Logistics Cluster shared the current warehouse capacity for Mekelle. The total size of the warehouse is 3,500 m2. Currently, 1750 m2 are occupied by cargo on behalf of four partners, representing a warehouse occupation of 50%.

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## 3. Cargo Movement to Tigray Updates

### Confirmed Arrivals

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- The logistics Cluster informed partners that, in the past two weeks, eight partners reported the arrival of 10 trucks into Tigray containing Health (46 mt), Agriculture (15 mt), Nutrition (17 mt), Mixed Cargo (15 mt) and General Operation (5 mt) items.
- The Logistics Cluster also shared the confirmed arrivals of trucks to Tigray via the three corridors since 15 November 2022. As confirmed by the partners,
  - It was shared that partners confirmed the arrival of 6,383 trucks carrying 251,709 mt of humanitarian supplies via the three corridors. The arrival of 48 fuel tankers carrying 1,719,592 Litres of fuel to Tigray was also reported by partners.

#### Status of Corridors

- Partners were informed that some security concerns were reported in Gondar corridor and Kombolcha Corridor. However, the Semera Corridor remains open.

#### Logistics Cluster Storage Capacity Update

- The Logistics Cluster informed partners that it will rationalize storage capacities in three locations (Gondar, Kombolcha and Semera). A total of 6,250 m2 is reduced. Hence the current storage capacity of Gondar is 1,150 m2 (reduced by 52%), Kombolcha 320 m2 (reduced by 68%) and Semera 1080 m2 (reduced by 80%).

#### Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) – Logistics Cluster

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- Partners were informed that the Logistics Cluster is going to carry out Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) in the upcoming few weeks. An email is sent to partners to engage in the GNA exercise to determine the future of Logistics Cluster Operations in-country beyond November 2023. It was emphasized that partners participation is vital to get a clear picture of the logistics gaps, challenges, and capacity in the country.

## 4. FAQs and Partner Discussion

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### Transport Update

- One partner mentioned it has a plan to distribute health supplies to different woredas in Tigray. The partner requested the Logistics Cluster for transportation service that can be handed over to them for few days. The logistics Cluster explained that the transportation service is provided according to a distribution plan with a specific loading location and destination point, not handing over trucks to be managed by partners for days or weeks.

### Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA)

- One partner expressed its interest in participating in the GNA exercise that is going to be conducted in the coming weeks. The Logistics Cluster replies that an email will be shared for the GNA interview.

***The next Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting in Mekelle is scheduled for Tuesday 22 August 2023 at the WFP Conference Room at 15:00 EAT and online.***

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