

Highlights

- The Logistics Cluster conducted a Logistics assessment in Shire in preparation for establishing a Logistics Cluster Hub. A space for a 900 m2 warehouse and two MSUs (640 m2) has been identified. Contracting and preparations are ongoing and the expected operational date is 14 April.
- In **March**, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of **1093 MT** of cargo to locations inside Tigray on behalf of **15 partners**.
- During the month, the Logistics Cluster **held five coordination meetings**, attended by 34 organisations, including national and international NGOs, other clusters, and UN agencies.
- As of 9 March, cargo clearances are no longer required and have been replaced by a 48- hour cargo movement notification to National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC)., Humanitarian partners delivering their cargo independently are requested to submit their notifications directly to NDRMC, while partners benefiting from the facilitation of transportation services of the Logistics Cluster will have their notifications submitted by the Cluster beforehand.



Logistics Cluster and WFP at the logistics hub in Gondar.

Background

The deteriorating humanitarian situation in Tigray, combined with the rise of COVID-19 cases, have increased the humanitarian needs in Ethiopia. Dire shortages of vital supplies, including food, water, fuel, cash and essential medical supplies are affecting people across the Tigray Region. Humanitarian partners are unable to deliver their assistance due to access constraints. The Logistics Cluster is working together with the Federal Government's National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), in order to establish operational details and obtain clearance for humanitarian supplies to reach the intended destinations. The Logistics Cluster is responding to the needs of partners by establishing logistics hubs for consolidation of supplies and to serve as truck assembly points in strategic locations near the entry points of Tigray, to allow for an efficient, coordinated response once access is permissible. Through the hubs, the Cluster is facilitating access to storage and transportation services for partners.

Coordination & Information management

- Coordination by the Logistics Cluster includes activities and technical support to enhance collaboration between relevant authorities and partners. Regular coordination meetings and information sharing mechanisms ensure the streamlining of logistics activities and the minimization of duplicated efforts.
- The Logistics Cluster provides essential information management support to enable a smooth and coherent flow of relevant information to all partners, specifically on road constraints, accessibility, and regular updates.
- The Logistics Cluster published **9 information management products** on the [website](#) over the course of March. The Interactive Physical Road Constraints map is updated continuously and can be found [here](#).

Logistics Services

- The Logistics Cluster operates six logistics hubs in key strategic locations (Adama – Addis Ababa – Kombolcha – Semera – Gondar – Mekelle) to provide humanitarian partners with access to common storage facilities, dedicated transport, and truck assembly points.
- In Adama, the Logistics Cluster has made available a 3900 m² of storage capacity for partners to position their stocks.
- In Addis Ababa, the Logistics Cluster has made available 1000 m² of storage capacity for partners to position their stocks.
- In Gondar, the Logistics Cluster has made available a 2400 m² storage capacity for partners to position their stocks.
- In Kombolcha, the Logistics Cluster has made available a 900 m² warehouse and two mobile storage units (640 m²) for partners to position their stocks.
- In Semera, the Logistics Cluster has set up two mobile storage units with a capacity of 640 m² for partners to position their stocks.
- In Mekele, the Logistics Cluster has made available a 1600 m² storage capacity for partners to position their stocks. The Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to dedicated fleets to support the humanitarian community.

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