

## Operational Highlights

- The Logistics Cluster set up road humanitarian convoy coordination to Tigray through the Afar corridor<sup>1</sup>. As a result, **four humanitarian convoys** were released from Semera (Afar) to Mekele (Tigray) during the month. A total of 15 humanitarian agencies dispatched cargo to Tigray in July.
- A total of **646 m3 of humanitarian cargo** were received in July at the seven warehouse locations managed by the Logistics Cluster.
- **2,636 m3 of life-saving supplies were dispatch** to several locations in Ethiopia. More than 70% of the cargo (1,918 m3) was delivered in several locations inside Tigray (Mekele, Shire, Axsum and Wajarat), while the remaining 30% (718 m3) was dispatched to other locations in the country, such as Addis Ababa, Semera or Gondar, where the Logistics Cluster has active hubs.
- A session on *Warehousing Best Practices* was delivered online to more than **110 humanitarian logisticians** to strengthen local capacities on warehouse management during the emergency response.



A humanitarian convoy *en route* from Semera (Afar) to Mekele (Tigray). Photo: Mebrat Wondimu, Logistics Assistant / Logistics Cluster

## Background

Movements in and out of Tigray remained highly challenging for the whole month of July, with a huge impact on the capacity of humanitarian actors to move life-saving cargo into the region<sup>2</sup>. Only the Semera-Mekele route was accessible to dispatch humanitarian cargo into Tigray through Abala. Overall, access to most of the areas within Tigray has significantly improved

<sup>1</sup> The Logistics Cluster had been previously involved in the coordination of humanitarian convoys to Tigray during the months of January and February.

<sup>2</sup> [OCHA, 19 July 2021](#) Ethiopia – Tigray Region Humanitarian Update.

compared to the beginning of June. However, shortages of fuel and cash as well as poor communications infrastructure, continue affecting the work of humanitarian actors.

The Logistics Cluster, co-led by the Federal Government's National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), worked to establish regular humanitarian convoys from Semera to Mekele to facilitate cargo dispatch on behalf of humanitarian actors operating in Tigray. For this purpose, during the month of July, the strengthening of the hubs in Semera and Mekele has been crucial to ensuring the scale-up of the humanitarian response in the region.

## Coordination & information management

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- To ensure a better coordination across the response in the North of Ethiopia, the Logistics Cluster and partners have decided to increase the coordination meetings' frequency and the number of locations. In July, seven coordination meetings took place across the different hubs: Addis Ababa (online), Semera, Mekele and Shire. During the coordination meetings, the Logistics Cluster and partners have shared and provided critical operational information on accessibility constraints, the movement of inter-agency humanitarian convoys and access to logistic services.
- In July, the Logistics Cluster has published nine information products on the dedicated [webpage](#). Up to date information products on the status of the logistic infrastructure have been shared with partners for the rainy season as its peak is in August.
- With the aim of strengthening the logistics capacities in the country, the Logistics Cluster organised a 2-hour online workshop session on Warehouse Best Practices. 43 humanitarian organisations attended, with a total of 110 participants, primarily humanitarian logisticians. Warehouse types and layouts as well as stacking, storage and handling methods, were some of the topics discussed and provided during the session. More didactic materials, guidelines and trainings can be found at the [Logistics Operational Guide \(LOG\)](#).

## Logistics Services

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- The Logistics Cluster facilitates seven logistics hubs in key strategic locations, two of them are **inside Tigray**: Adama, Addis Ababa, Kombolcha, Semera, **Shire**, Gondar, **Mekelle**. 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](mailto:ethiopia.logisticsclustercargo@wfp.org).

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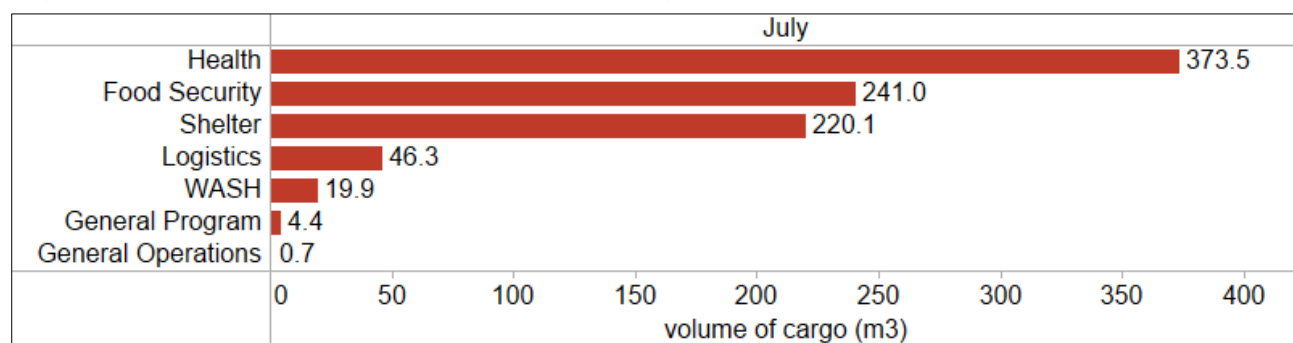


A stock keeper at the warehouse in Mekele (Tigray). Photo credits: Hugh Rutherford/WFP

## Storage

- During July, **646 m3** of humanitarian supplies were received across the different hubs for storage on behalf of **nine partners**.

Graph: Cargo received for storage in July 2021 (m3) by category of product



Source: Logistics Cluster

- A total of 10,740 m2 of storage capacity were made available to partners in the different hubs: Shire (560 m2), Mekele (1,600 m2), Gondar (2,400 m2), Semera (640 m2), Kombolcha (640 m2), Addis Ababa (1,000 m2) and Adama (3,900 m2)
- In order to increase the storage capacity of partners across Ethiopia, the Logistics Cluster is also facilitating the identification and installation of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs). Partners can request support with the transport and installation of these units via [ethiopia.logisticsclustermdu@wfp.org](mailto:ethiopia.logisticsclustermdu@wfp.org).

## Road Transport

- Regarding transport services, **2,636 m3** were dispatched for **12 partners** to **nine** locations.

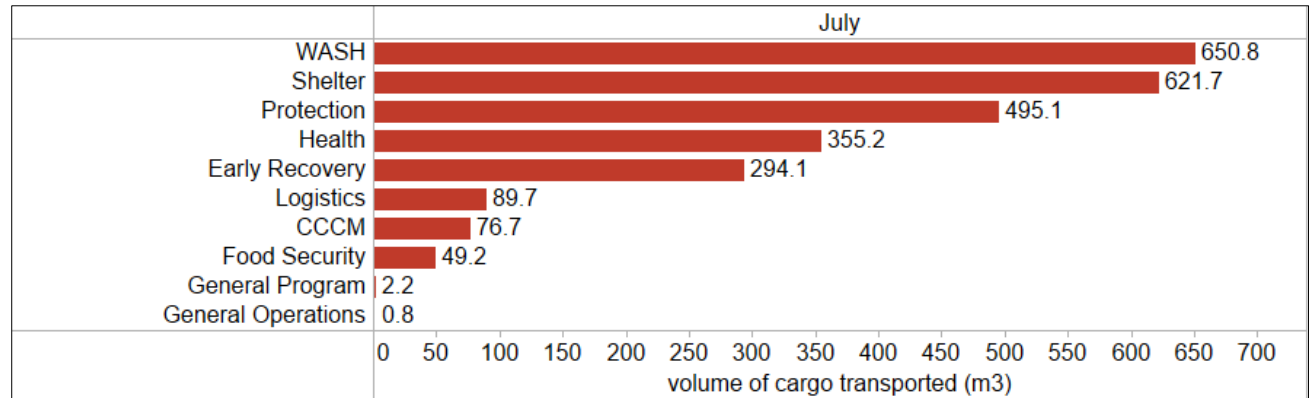
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Graph: Cargo transported in July 2021 (m3) by category of product



Source: Logistics Cluster

## Humanitarian convoys:

- The Logistics Cluster coordinated and facilitated the joint-agency humanitarian cargo convoys on behalf of partners from Semera to Mekele, the only available route to dispatch humanitarian cargo into Tigray. The Logistics Cluster supported partners in the submission of the clearance procedure as well as facilitated access to transport services. In July, four convoys were released with a total of 87 trucks carrying life-saving cargo on behalf of 14 partners. 55% of these trucks were facilitated by the Logistics Cluster (48 trucks). More details on the trucks can be found in the table below:

|  | Convoy 1<br>10 July | Convoy 2<br>28 July | Convoy 3<br>29 July | Convoy 4<br>31 July | Total trucks<br>July |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| #trucks<br>facilitated by the<br>Logistics Cluster | 3                   | 20                  | 17                  | 8                   | 48                   |
| # trucks owned<br>by partners                      | 13                  | 15                  | 11                  | -                   | 39                   |
| <b>Total trucks<br/>released by day</b>            | <b>16</b>           | <b>35</b>           | <b>28</b>           | <b>8</b>            | <b>87</b>            |

Note: The figures only include trucks facilitated or coordinated by the Logistics Cluster. It does not include WFP trucks

Source: Logistics Cluster

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