1. Cross-cutting Updates

- The next Global Logistics Cluster Teleconference on the COVID-19 Response will take place on Wednesday 26 August at 14:30 CEST. The minutes from the last teleconference on 22 July can be found here.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to consolidate Cargo Entry Point Updates (CEPU). An online map version of the CEPU is also available. Organisations are encouraged to provide their inputs to COVID-19@logcluster.org.
- The Remote Gaps and Needs Analyses for Honduras and Ecuador have been published.

2. Cluster Operations

Central African Republic

- One UNHAS helicopter arrived in Bangui on 1 August and will be available for passenger, MEDEVAC and light cargo services for the next three months according to prioritisation of areas. It was first operated on 7 and 8 August with staff from various NGOs on board to assess the needs in hard to reach zones, and carrying essential nutrition, health shelter and WASH items.
- Regular commercial flights have reopened at Bangui M'Poko airport.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates partners' access to free-to-user logistics services in Kinshasa and Goma for COVID-19 response activities. It comprises of the following services:
  - o Road transport inside both cities, such as airport, port, warehouses, health facilities, etc.
  - o Temporary warehousing for a maximum of three months, including temperature-controlled storage.
- The Logistics Cluster co-facilitates with the WHO coordination meetings about the use of the Logistics Portal for COVID-19, an online platform designed to help with the ordering and importation of COVID-19 response items.
- The Logistics Cluster provides GIS support to the Logistics Commission of the National Commission Response for COVID-19 with operational mapping and free printing of large format hard copies of maps for health zones of Kinshasa. GIS support is also provided to UNHAS and ECHO humanitarian aviation operations under COVID-19 restrictions.

Ethiopia

- Djibouti port is operational but facing delays due to congestion issues. Ethiopia has officially started using the Tadjourah port in Djibouti.
- There are currently no movement restrictions from Djibouti, South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Sudan to Ethiopia for essential cargo movement.

- Following a WHO request for support, the Logistics Cluster is participating in a national evaluation of the cold chain capacity for both storage and transport as a preparedness plan for a future vaccination campaign against COVID-19.

Somalia

- The lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) has been extended until 22 August. No significant operational impact has been experienced by partners so far. The Logistics Cluster continues to monitor the situation.
- All airports in Somalia are now open for local and international passenger flights. Baidoa airport continues to be closed on Fridays and Saturdays for maintenance works. Abudwak airport is also still closed for maintenance. The Logistics Cluster will continue to keep partners informed of any developments.
- The Somaliland-Ethiopia (Berbera corridor) and Dijbouti borders remain open but strictly for commercial trade. The Kenya-South Somalia (Madera) land borders remain closed for commercial entities. Central Somalia-Ethiopia (Dolow) also remains closed; however, certain points may periodically be opened for trade, subject to bilateral agreements between local authorities of relevant border towns. The Logistics Cluster continues to monitor the situation to inform partners of any temporary border openings.

Syria

Inside Syria

- The Logistics Cluster is now offering ad hoc free-to-user cargo flights from Damascus to Qamishli.
- The Logistics Cluster is also offering free-to-user landside transportation from Qamishli airport to final destinations.

Cross-border

- The transhipment hub at Bab al Hawa requires an increase in staffing, and in turn a physical hub expansion to ensure the continued effective implementation of COVID-19 preventive measures and physical distancing. The capacity at the hub will increase from 22 trucks per convoy to 27 trucks per convoy.

Yemen

- Humanitarian passenger flights are running routinely in and out of Aden. Sana'a and Aden airports are operational and airlifts are facilitated on an ad hoc basis. 14 days quarantine has been cancelled for Hudaydah and Saleef seaports, while it is still in place for Aden seaport. Inland road transport is fully operational in the south of the country, with limitations linked to security access and necessary authorisations.
- The road transport services in the north facilitated by the Logistics Cluster remain on hold while solutions continue to be explored with the authorities in order to resume this service as soon as possible.

3. Sector Operations

<u>Nigeria</u>

- The Logistics Sector conducted a COVID-19 Impact Assessment Survey, with the following findings:
    - **Storage gaps:** 75% of the participants responded that there are now storage gaps at central or local government area (LGA) level. 25% stated that there is a storage gap at locations such as Damboa, Rann and Pulka.
    - **COVID-19 impact on pricing:** 68% responded that pricing has increased by 1-10%, 30% responded more than 10% increase in price.
    - **COVID-19 impact on delivery time:** 35% of the participants reported a delay of 1-10 days. Another 35% reported the delay time to be between 10 and 30 days. 23% of the participants experienced a delay of more than 30 days.
    - **COVID-19 impact on quality of items:** 75% of the participants stated that they received items of substandard quality.
    - **In-country movement:** All participants responded by "yes" when asked whether there had been a change in price levels for in-country movements. 75% stated that there had also been an impact on service availability and order prioritisation.
    - **COVID-19 response:** 87% of participants stated that their organisation is planning to respond to COVID-19.

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