1. Cross-cutting Updates

- The Logistics Cluster continues to consolidate Cargo Entry Point Updates (CEPU), with an updated version published every three weeks. An online map version of the CEPU is also available. The last issue came out on 19 October. Organisations are encouraged to provide their inputs to COVID-19@logcluster.org.
- The Logistics Cluster has been activated in Burkina Faso. All relevant documents and information for humanitarian logistics partners can be found on the dedicated webpage here.

2. Cluster Operations

Central African Republic

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the arrival of an ECHO-financed cargo flight, on 23 October, from the WFP Response Hub in Liège (Global Service Provision), carrying COVID-19 response items for various partners.

Ethiopia

- The implementation of the cold chain COVID-19 vaccine preparedness plan has started, through consultation with WHO, UNICEF and the Ministry of Health. Four converted officer containers will be purchased by WFP to be donated to WHO to support COVID-19 related activities. Additional quotations and research are taking place for the purchase and construction of refrigerated containers, to be made available for cold chain storage of potential vaccines and other essential COVID-19 medical supplies.

Pacific Region

- Preparations for a charter cargo flight carrying COVID-19 response items to Kiribati and Nauru on 8 and 9 November are underway.
- The Logistics Cluster is preparing COVID-19 related cargo for the approved WFP Aviation flight from Kuala Lumpur to Port Moresby to Nadi on 11 November with return on 12 November.

Somalia

- All ports remain operational (Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, and Bossaso). All airports in Somalia are now open for local and international passenger flights.
- As of 1 November, due to a downward trend in COVID-19 cases, the full basecamp lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) is being gradually eased through a four-phased approach. Each phase will be completed after 28 days pending ongoing impact assessments of the situation at AAIA. No significant operational impact has been experienced by partners so far.

- The borders between Belethawa, Dobley and Elwak (Somalia) and Mandera (Kenya) remain closed. Borders between Ethiopia and Somalia remain closed, though the local authorities from both sides periodically allow movement of people and commodities. Borders between Somaliland and Ethiopia, and Somaliland and Djibouti remain open for cross border trade.
- UNHAS continues its weekly flight on route Mogadishu-Nairobi-Mogadishu. All passenger travels are subject to both governments' COVID-19 guidelines, details of which are available on the Logistics Cluster's Somalia page. The latest UNHAS flight schedule – up until 30 November – is available here.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate dedicated cargo airlifts on behalf of the Ministry of Health (MoH) the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), WHO and key health partners upon request. As of 2 November, 82 MT of COVID-19 related cargo has been transported to Dhusamareb, Kismayo, Baidoa, Jowar, Hargeisa, Beletwyene, Garowe, Guriel and Barawe.

South Sudan

- WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, as a co-lead of the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar of the National COVID-19 Response Plan, continues to coordinate requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from humanitarian organisations working across South Sudan. As of 3 November, 217 requests from 75 organizations submitted through the PPE Common Request System had been approved by the Inter-Agency Technical Team, resulting in the allocation of more than 2.5 million PPE items from the common pool created by WHO, WFP and IOM.
- Over 65 mt of PPE, worth EUR 4 million, funded by the European Commission's Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations department (ECHO) and the European Union's General Directorate for International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO), is expected to arrive in Juba in the next two weeks. The supplies, which were procured by WFP through the UN COVID-19 Supply Portal, will become part of the common PPE pool and stored at the Logistics Cluster common warehouse in Juba before being released to humanitarian partners through the Common Request System.

Syria

Inside Syria

- WFP will notify the Logistics Cluster when COVID-19 related items from any humanitarian organization are in the pipeline through WFP's Global Service Provision. This, in addition to close liaison with the Whole of Syria Health Cluster, will provide full visibility on the pipeline for COVID-19 related supplies.

Cross-border

- A need for a reliable and consistent transhipment service for delivering lifesaving cargo from Turkey into northwest Syria has been identified. Given the COVID-19 outbreak, closer coordination and timely information sharing has become more vital to facilitate partners' decision-making and to avoid bottlenecks or duplication.
- Partners continue to monitor customs regulations, with particular attention to COVID-19-related items, and share lists of prohibited and restricted items for import when changes occur. COVID-19

mitigation measures in line with WHO guidelines and local health authorities remain in place at the transhipment hub to mitigate COVID-19 transmission risks and to ensure the safety and health of staff.

Yemen

- The Sana'a Airport operations have gradually resumed, allowing for both passengers and cargo (including COVID-19 related commodities) to enter via air transport.

3. Sector Operations

Bangladesh

- The Humanity & Inclusion-Atlas service agreement for COVID-19 special transportation services and the Cox's Bazar COVID Special Logistics Hub have been extended until 28 February 2021. The storage services in Teknaf and Unciprang Logistics Hub have been extended until 30 April 2021.

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