

## 1. Cross-cutting Updates

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- 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 Monday 31 August and the next one will be published on Monday 21 September. Organisations are encouraged to provide their inputs to [COVID-19@logcluster.org](mailto:COVID-19@logcluster.org).
- The next Global Logistics Cluster Teleconference on the COVID-19 response will be held on Wednesday 23 September at 14:30 CEST. The minutes from the previous meeting can be found [here](#).

## 2. Cluster Operations

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### Central African Republic

- OCHA has been facilitating border crossings between Cameroon and CAR. Partners need to share updates of their pipeline and physical inventories with OCHA every week.
- August recorded the highest volume of container imports since the start of the year and the COVID restrictions.
- The following sanitary procedures are taking place at the Douala-Bangui Corridor and border crossings:
  - Truck drivers from Cameroon are being tested for COVID-19 in Garoua-Boulai, Cameroon.
  - In Beloko, CAR there are only temperature checks.
  - Back in Cameroon, truck drivers are tested again.
  - Cross-border traffic is smooth, especially at the Bangui terminal.

### Ethiopia

- The Logistics Cluster is collaborating with WHO to develop a temperature-controlled vaccine distribution preparedness plan. The pre-positioning and costing of essential assets, refrigerated containers, and offices is ongoing. The intention is to provide a fully mobile storage unit that can be transported to key locations, providing scalability where the need is greatest.
- The Logistics Cluster has initiated the rehabilitation work of National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) warehouses. Once repaired the warehouses will be available for the request of partners as common storage to support COVID-19 related operations.

### Pacific Region

- Solomon Island Government issued an advisory on cargo vessels and marine tankers travelling from Papua New Guinea (PNG) ports to Solomon Islands. The advisory outlines stricter conditions for quarantine exemptions due to increased COVID-19 cases in PNG, particularly in Port Moresby.
- Due to the costs associated with COVID-19 Nauru Maritime and Port Authority (NMPA) will introduce a Temporary COVID-19 Levy (TCL) on all cargo vessels discharging in Nauru.

### Somalia

- All ports remain operational (Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, and Bossaso).
- The lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) has been extended until **19 September**. No significant operational impact has been experienced so far.
- All relevant operational airports in Somalia are now open for local and international passenger flights.
- The Somaliland – Ethiopia border remains open for commercial trade.
- The Somaliland-Djibouti border remains open but strictly for commercial trade.
- The Kenya-South Somalia (Mandera) land borders remain closed for commercial entities.
- Central Somalia-Ethiopia (Dolow) border also remains closed; however certain points may periodically be opened for trade, subject to bilateral agreements between local authorities of relevant border towns.
- Due to the reopening of Kenya airspace, UNHAS has resumed its weekly flight on route Mogadishu – Nairobi – Mogadishu as of 23 August. All passenger travels are subject to both governments' COVID-19 guidelines.

### South Sudan

- The Logistics Cluster and WHO, as co-leads of the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar of the National Response Plan, re-launched the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Common Request System, aiming at consolidating requests of in-country COVID-19 commodities.
- The Logistics Cluster is also supporting the reception and storage of USD \$5.2 million worth of PPE, funded by the South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF) and African Development Bank (ABD), procured by WHO and through the UN Supply Portal, that has starting arriving in Juba on 3 September. This equipment will be transported to the field at a later stage based on the PPE Common Request System allocations made by the inter-agency technical team in support of the COVID-19 National Response Plan.
- In addition to the existing 2,537 m2 of common storage space in Juba, the Logistics Cluster acquired an additional 868.5 m2 in Juba to ensure all COVID-19 related commodities can be stored prior to dispatches to field locations.
- Obtaining Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) and Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism (JBVMM) clearances for cargo movement remains a logistical challenge for the humanitarian community in South Sudan to ensure efficient cargo movements.
- The National Taskforce on COVID-19 issued an official communication from the Presidency on 26 August 2020 to communicate the suspension of mandatory quarantine (Q14) for domestic inter-state travel, ensuring the free movement without any restrictions of humanitarians to the field. Mandatory fourteen days self-isolation remains applicable for international arrivals in South Sudan.
- The Ministry of Health, through the Central Medical Stores, reached out to the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar to transport essential COVID-19 commodities to the field. The Logistics Cluster collected and dispatched COVID-19 related items destined for Malakal Teaching Hospital and Upper Nile State Ministry of Health, and will start collecting cargo destined for Bor (Jonglei State Ministry of Health) this week.

## **Syria**

### **Cross-border operation**

- The transshipment hub at Civlegozu/Bab al-Hawa border crossing point is being augmented by 5,000sqm. The hub expansion will double the office space available to meet increased staffing needs and ensure continued compliance with COVID-19 physical distancing measures.

### **Inside Syria**

- The Logistics Cluster continues to offer 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 destination points.

## **Yemen**

- The mandatory quarantine for sea cargo in Aden port has been lifted (official memo by the relevant authorities is pending). Now vessels entering Aden, Hudaydah and Saleef seaports berth according to their line up turn.
- The ongoing fuel crisis, severely felt in the north of the country, is negatively impacting the delivery of COVID-19 related activities and humanitarian programmes on the whole.

## **3. Sector Operations**

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### **Bangladesh**

- The Logistics Sector transported a total volume of 740 mt of COVID-19 related relief items for 11 partners between 24 August and 7 September.
- Dr Kai von Harbou, Head of the World Health Organization (WHO) Cox's Bazar Emergency Sub-Office, visited the Cox's Bazar COVID-19 special hub along with his team. Dr Kai von Harbou declared that he was impressed with the arrangement for storage and temperature-controlled storage. Following the visit, WHO submitted a request for temperature-controlled storage.
- The Logistics Sector received six solar direct-drive vaccine refrigerators from Copenhagen for cold storage of vaccines and medicines. The refrigerators have been customs cleared in Dhaka and are in the process of being delivered to Cox's Bazar hub. They will be placed in the Logistics Sector hubs in Madhu Chara and Cox's Bazar for common storage services.

### **Lebanon**

- The Logistics Sector along with OCHA have been advocating for the facilitation of customs procedures and exemption of taxes for COVID-19 related imported cargo.
- Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases, there is a curfew from 1 am - 6 am. However, this has not impacted the humanitarian response and the construction sector so far.

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