
1. Cross-cutting Updates

- The Logistics Cluster Global Meeting will be held online this year on 21 and 22 October. These meetings, normally held twice a year, act as a forum for relevant actors to discuss and highlight logistics gaps, suggest solutions, and examine existing best practices in humanitarian logistics. The programme will include updates on Logistics Cluster activities, keynote speakers, a session on the outlook for COVID-19, and interactive breakout sessions. Interested partners can sign up via the following link: <https://logcluster.org/glm2020-registration>.
- The Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) for Bangladesh has been updated and can be found [here](#).

2. Cluster Operations

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating access to the following free-to-user services in Goma:
 - Road transport in urban areas: airports, ports, warehouses, sanitation structures, etc.
 - Temporary warehousing in standard or temperature-controlled units (20°C) for a maximum duration of three weeks.
 - Cargo tracking services.

Ethiopia

- The Logistics Cluster has initiated the purchase and fabrication of four refurbished containers for office use to support the COVID-19 vaccine preparedness plan. There is on-going research and quotations for the fabrication of converted refrigerator containers. The Logistics Cluster is seeking any old containers to be donated and used in the construction of the units as a cost-effective solution.
- The Logistics Cluster is assisting IOM with the deployment of three Mobile Storage Units (MSU) to the Amhara region for use as quarantine centres for returning migrants.

Somalia

- All ports remain operational (Mogadishu, Kismayo, Berbera, and Bossaso).
- All airports in Somalia are now open for local and international passenger flights, except for Abudwak Airport, which is still closed for maintenance works. The lockdown of Mogadishu Airport (AAIA) has been extended until 17 October. No delays have been reported so far.
- Due to the reopening of Kenya airspace, UNHAS continues to charter its weekly flight on route Mogadishu-Nairobi-Mogadishu. All passenger travels are subject to both governments' COVID-19 guidelines, which can be found [here](#). The latest UNHAS flight schedule is available [here](#).
- The Somaliland-Ethiopia border remains open for commercial trade. The Somaliland-Djibouti border also remains open but strictly for commercial trade. The Kenya-South Somalia (Mandera) land borders remain closed for commercial entities. South Somalia-Ethiopia borders remain closed but opened

intermittently based on an unwritten bilateral agreement between local authorities from both sides. Central Somalia-Ethiopia borders also remain 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 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 October, 82 mt of COVID-19 related cargo has been transported to Dhusamareb, Kismayo, Baidoa, Jowar, Hargeisa, Beletwyene, Garowe, Guriel and Barawe.
- The Logistics Cluster has published a document detailing the required certifications (COVID-19 and general) for cargo movements via land, sea and air transport into and within Somalia. This Transportation Requirements document is available [here](#). The Logistics Cluster will continue to update it as new information becomes available.

South Sudan

- Following the arrival of South Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SSHF) funded COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) commodities in South Sudan, WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, and WHO, as co-leads of the Operational Support and Logistics Pillar of the National Response Plan, re-launched the PPE Common Request System, aiming at consolidating requests of in-country COVID-19 PPE commodities. The Logistics Cluster is consolidating requests on a weekly basis for the inter-agency technical team to review and allocate the COVID-19 PPE commodities. As of 28 September, 118 requests forms have been approved from 46 organisations, totaling almost 500,000 PPE, allocated from the common pool, to be received in 70 locations across South Sudan.
- As a consequence of the current flooding, major supply routes, including the Juba–Bor road, are no longer passable for commercial trucks. To ensure essential commodities such as COVID-19 cargo can still reach field locations, the Logistics Cluster is temporarily offering bi-monthly river movements from Juba to Bor until the road becomes fully accessible.
- Due to the need to respond simultaneously and in a timely manner to multiple emergencies, including COVID-19 and the flood response, the Logistics Cluster is experiencing pressure on current air asset mix.
- The South Sudan–Uganda border has fully reopened on 1 October after a six-month closure, which is expected to lead to an important increase of cross-border population flow. Entry to South Sudan requires a PCR COVID-19 test (72h validity) and 14 days quarantine.

Sudan

- The curfew imposed due to COVID-19 has been completely lifted since 16 September.

Syria

Inside Syria

- Commercial flights have resumed at Damascus airport since 1 October. It is yet to be determined what the latest status on cargo flights is.

- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate access to free-to-user air cargo transport services from Damascus to Qamishli and free-to-user landside transportation from Qamishli airport to final destination points. A quick survey will be launched shortly to identify downstream pipeline in order to either request an extension of the service or reallocate the funding back to the Syria Humanitarian Fund (SHF).
- The Logistics Cluster will set up two MSUs in Qamishli to provide an extra 640 m² of storage space for partners.
- The Logistics Cluster has presented to all Health Sector partners the COVID-19 global supply chain system including the Logistics Cluster activities related to the response.

Cross-border

- Partners noted that a recent change in official regulations for export might lead to an increase in the cost of certain types of PPE. The Logistics Cluster and OCHA will further look into the matter.

Yemen

- 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

Bangladesh

- A dedicated pharmacist has been tasked with the specialised logistics medical warehousing requirements for the temperature-controlled storage in Cox's Bazar COVID Special Hub.

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