

Highlights

- A presentation to introduce the field-based Logistics Preparedness Project was conducted to key players in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) government. The Joint Crisis Coordination Centre (JCC) accepted to sponsor the project and showed a great understanding and cooperation to implement project activities.
- The logistics capacity mapping survey was disseminated to the humanitarian community functioning in KRI and the result of the survey was summarized and analysed to be a roadmap during gaps analysis and identification workshop.
- A meeting was held with JCC to discuss the Gaps Analysis workshop agenda and specify the list of attendees from government's side. Furthermore, a meeting was held with the representative of Technisches Hilfswerk (THW) to build a collaboration and unify the logistics preparedness efforts. Support from THW was requested to carry out the activities of the workshop.
- The Gap Analysis Workshop took place in KRI with the attendance of 45 attendees from various sectors, such as the government, UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs, and the private sector. The logistical gaps and bottlenecks were identified during the workshop and an Action Plan was developed to be endorsed by the project sponsor (JCC). Additionally, the workshop report was developed and published in GLC/Preparedness [website](#).
- Preliminary meetings with counterparts from a UN Agency were conducted to initiate Logistics Preparedness Project and identify project sponsor in the Federal Iraq (FI) region (In the Centre and South of the country).
- Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak and crisis, the process of reviewing and validating of the Action Plan by JCC is moving slower than expected. However, regular contacts are kept with JCC to stay up to date with the validation status.

Background

Due to several factors, such as high indices of risks (natural and man-made), inadequate national supply chain capacities, and low performance indicators, the Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) deemed Iraq a disaster-prone country and committed to support and empower its preparedness capacities and supply chain resilience.

As the military operations and humanitarian crisis were at a peak in 2014, the Logistics Cluster was activated to support humanitarian community efforts responding to the needs. But, as the country transitioned from response to recovery mode, the Logistics Cluster was deactivated and replaced by a Sectoral Working Group. This Sectoral Working Group was also deactivated in late 2019. In 2020, the Logistics Preparedness Project initiated its activities by holding several preliminary high-level meetings with the authorities, trying to introduce the steps and objectives of the Preparedness Project. Due to various circumstances, the project first started in KRI - where the security situation is more stable - to be later implemented in FI.

With a key objective to strengthen the national supply chain's resilience and increase cooperation, coordination and exchange of information between government and the humanitarian community, a Logistics Preparedness Project Manager was deployed to Iraq to carry out Logistics Preparedness activities with the support of National Logistics Preparedness Officer and Global Logistics Cluster.



Logistics Gaps Analysis Workshop held in KRI

Coordination

- Introducing the Logistics Preparedness Project and its objectives and activities via high-level preliminary meetings with government officials, UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs.
- On 28 January 2020, as part of the Logistic Preparedness activities introducing the Preparedness Project, a workshop on Emergency Logistics Preparedness and Response was conducted. The workshop was chaired by JCC and co-chaired by WFP with the participation of representatives from UN agencies and government officials.
- A two-days Logistics Gaps Analysis workshop took place in KRI (Erbil) on 11-12 of February 2020 to identify the logistical gaps and bottlenecks and discuss solutions and recommendations. The workshop was chaired by JCC and co-chaired and facilitated by Global Logistics Cluster and WFP. During the workshop, the results and analysis of the logistics capacity mapping survey was presented and discussed. An Action Plan was developed accordingly. The Action Plan and workshop report can be found [here](#) or on demand.

Information management

- Following preliminary meetings with government officials in KRI, a survey was disseminated to humanitarian actors functioning in KRI. The aim of this survey is to assess the logistics capacities of the humanitarian actors, to map the existing resources, and to identify the different gaps and bottlenecks. The result and summary of this analysis survey was presented during Logistics Gap Analysis workshop.
- The [Iraq Logistics Preparedness Website](#) is officially launched and running. This website will be a platform where the Logistics Preparedness Project updates and reports will be published, as well as a source of information for the stakeholders, and a platform to exchange information.

<https://logcluster.org/preparedness/irq19>

- A survey was developed and will soon be disseminated to humanitarian actors working in the FI region (in the Centre and South of the country). The logistical capacity mapping survey is a revised version of the survey that was disseminated in KRI. The survey will be used to collect information related to the current logistical capacity of humanitarian actors and the main gaps and bottlenecks that need to be tackled in order to facilitate a joint and quick response to the emergencies.

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