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## SYRIA – MEETING MINUTES

- LOCATION:** Damascus  
**DATE:** 26 September 2013  
**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator  
**PARTICIPANTS:** ADRA MENA, IFRC, IOM, OCHA, SARC, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and WHO.  
**ACTION POINTS:**
- Participants to submit their plans for storage at the Safita Hub to the Logistics Cluster.

### Follow Up on Action Points

- Humanitarian organizations to send their contingency plans to the Logistics Cluster- **Pending**.
- Logistics Cluster to send a list of NFIs suppliers to Oxfam GB-**Done**.

### Situation Update

#### *Corridors Update:*

##### *Syria*

- Most areas inside Syria are accessible by road at present, except for Aleppo and Rural Aleppo where access is challenging due to the current security situation.

##### *Neighbouring Countries*

- The Jordan/Syria official border crossing point 'Al-Naseeb' is operational.
- The Lebanon/Syria border crossing 'Al-Masnaa' is operational.
- Access to the Lebanon/Syria 'Al-Arida' crossing point depends on the security situation along the Northern Highway to Tripoli. Currently, the northern highway is open.

### Common Services Update (Transport and Storage)

#### Transport

- The Logistics Cluster continues to provide common transport of humanitarian relief items inside Syria, and plans to continue to do so until the end of the year after which the situation will be re-assessed.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to offer free overland transport (not inclusive of custom clearance) from Lebanon/Jordan to Syria. A Logistics Cluster Cell in Beirut is active to coordinate transport into Syria.
- In order to increase capacity, WFP and all other humanitarian organizations are scaling up. WFP has recently contracted three new national transport service providers.
- Over the last three weeks, the Logistics Cluster was able to transport relief items to Raqqa, Daraa, Idleb, Homs, Deir Ezzour, Rural Damascus and Tartous on behalf of FAO, IOM, Mercy Corps, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO.

#### Storage

- The Logistics Cluster will continue to provide **free temporary storage** services to all humanitarian organisations responding to the Syrian crisis. WFP has allotted storage space to the humanitarian community inside Syria, specifically in Rural Damascus and Safita.
- The Logistics Cluster's new warehouse in Sehnaya (Rural Damascus) is fully operational; the stock that is available at DHL2 warehouse will be moved to Sehnaya warehouse after completing the physical inventory and transport arrangements.
- The Logistics Cluster is looking to increase the storage space in Safita by erecting extra Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) and renting additional land.

### Joint Humanitarian Convoys

- A Joint Humanitarian Convoy, supported by the Logistics Cluster to deliver assistance to Idleb, was sent from Tartous and Lattakia between 19-23 September via 14 trucks loaded with over 600 m<sup>3</sup> of food, wash, education and recreation needs provided by WFP, UNICEF and IOM.

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- A Joint Humanitarian Convoy, supported by the Logistics Cluster to deliver assistance to Raqqa, successfully dispatched all supplies from Tartous and rural Damascus, on 24 September, with over 757 m<sup>3</sup> of supplies to meet emergency food, wash and health needs provided by WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO.
- The planned Joint Humanitarian Convoy to Mouadamiah on 25 September (supported by the Logistics Cluster) was delayed due to non-issuance of Ministry of Foreign Affairs approval. The new date will be communicated shortly.
- The Logistics Cluster is planning to increasingly use Tartous as an origin point for upcoming Joint Humanitarian Convoys to locations in Northern and Central Syria. This is due to shorter distances, availability of trucks and quicker administrative procedures. In addition, the Logistics Cluster requests partners to plan their storage in Safita hub, by submitting a plan to the Logistics Cluster.

### **UN Hub in Tartous**

- In response to the situation in Syria and the resulting challenges in finding a suitable safe office space for UN employees, the UN Country Team (UNCT) has decided to establish a UN compound in Tartous. This common office will accommodate between 120 and 150 staff (national and international).
- As per the UNCT's decision, the Logistics Cluster will lead the construction and set-up of this compound. The office is expected to be completed in three months. The Logistics Cluster Coordinator will travel to Tartous to follow up on the implementation.
- The land for the compound has now been selected - a space of 20,000-25,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

### **AOB**

- SARC is supporting 30,000 families per month, and now has 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> storage capacity in Hwash.
- The Logistics Cluster/WFP is ordering 20 trucks (8 MT capacity each) for the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC). The trucks are expected to arrive in Beirut by 25 October, for onward transport to Syria.

*The next Logistics Cluster meeting in Damascus will be held In two weeks.  
Participants will be informed prior to the meeting.*

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