
LOCATION	Teleconference
DATE	13 August 2020
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	ACTED, Action Against Hunger (ACF), Airlink, Alight, British Red Cross, CARE, Concern Worldwide, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), DHL, Fuel Relief Fund (FRF), INSEAD Humanitarian Research Group (HRG), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Medair, Oxfam, Project HOPE, Relief International, Save the Children, ShelterBox, Tearfund, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), USAID, World Food Programme (WFP)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners interested in the CMA CGM offer for free-for-user cargo transport are invited to insert transport needs in CHOCOLAT or contact CMA through AideHumanitaireLiban@cma-cgm.com.• A list of available storage space will be shared with partners.• A map of the different warehouses will also be created and uploaded to the Lebanon webpage.• For logistics planning purposes, partners are requested to share information on their incoming cargo (estimation in TEU) through Lebanon-logs@logcluster.org.• Partners are kindly asked to fill in OCHA's survey on customs challenges.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Global Logistics Cluster Update2. Lebanon Logistics Sector Update3. OCHA Customs Update4. Log:ie Supporting Beirut Response5. AOB

1. Global Logistics Cluster Update

- The Global Logistics Cluster is in the last stage of its assessments of the diverse logistics assets, infrastructures and supply-chain aspects in the country.
- Based on these assessments and analysis, the Logistics Sector proposes a Concept of operations (ConOps).
- Reminder: the company CMA CGM offers free-for-user cargo transport (shipping and loading only) from Marseille, France to Beirut, Lebanon. Scheduled 21 August (TBC). Interested partners are invited

to insert their transport needs in [CHOCOLAT](#) or contact CMA through AideHumanitaireLiban@cma-cgm.com.

- The Global Logistics Cluster encourages partners to indicate any needs for international transport through the [CHOCOLAT](#) platform.

2. Lebanon Logistics Sector Update

Port Status

- As of today, five out of 16 cranes are functioning at Beirut's container terminal. It is expected that two more cranes will be put in service tomorrow 14 August.
- The Logistics Sector was informed by WFP Supply Chain that bulk cargo activities have resumed in the port of Beirut.
- The Logistics Sector conducted an assessment at the port of Tripoli port. The port of Tripoli has seen a 50 percent increase in its activities: it is now functioning at 70 percent of its full capacity.
- The Logistics Sector advises partners to contact Lebanon-logs@logcluster.org to report any issues.

Storage

- The Logistics Sector has identified multiple suitable options for storage capacity in the city of Beirut, in the region and in the country. Ten warehouses were assessed in collaboration with the WFP Country Office, of which three could be suitable depending on requirements. The list of available storage space will be shared with partners. A map of the different warehouses will also be created and uploaded to the Lebanon webpage.

Concept of Operations

- The Concept of Operations is being developed and funding is being explored (Flash Appeal) as there is no funding available yet to cover proposed activities.
- The Concept of Operations will focus on coordination, information management, and civil-military coordination. As last resort and on a temporary basis, common services aiming to support the smooth and timely dispatch of partners cargo from Beirut's points of entry to partners' storage space could also be provided.
- The Concept of Operations' range of activities and services is not intended to replace the logistics capacities of individual agencies or organisations, but rather to fill identified gaps in the humanitarian supply chain and supplement the response of the humanitarian community through the provision of common services, based on clear identified gaps and needs.
- The Concept of Operations will be shared very soon with partners and discussed during next Logistics Sector meeting. Partners will be encouraged to provide feedback on it.

3. OCHA Customs Update

- Virginie Bohl from OCHA (bohl@un.org) is the focal point for issues regarding the importation of goods.
- OCHA has a direct contact with the Lebanese Customs Administration. A WhatsApp group was created which the partners are invited to join. To join this WhatsApp group, partners are invited to send an email to Virginie Bohl (bohl@un.org) to be added.
- A decree on tax exemptions will be signed by Lebanon's Ministry of Finance.
- The Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) is now up and running.
- Facilitation measures have been put in place for customs brokers.
- A survey was created to understand organisations' customs challenges. Partners are invited to complete the survey, which can be found [here](#).
- A [Bulletin on Immigration and Quarantine Procedures](#) has been published.

4. Log:ie Supporting Beirut Response

- Part of the Global Logistics Cluster's Preparedness project is to build a database of logistics infrastructures.
- Lebanon was not part of the Preparedness project. However, the tool was built with a global scale. Consequently, there is some data on Lebanon.
- The page functions as a map for humanitarians, a representation of the LCAs where partners can access baseline information (for instance information on logistical infrastructures, fuel stations, Health facilities, finance services and amenities).
- The tool provides situation information: assessments, satellite imagery, field reports, and others.
- For users on the field, Log:ie also enables to do a rapid infrastructure data collection and share it on the page.
- The Global Logistics Cluster is now working to make this tool available to the humanitarian community on an ad hoc basis.
- For more information on the tool, partners are invited to contact hq.glc.preparedness@wfp.org.

5. AOB

- DHL Express has two trucks in Beirut which can be made available to partners for local transport of their cargo. Partners are invited to contact Cyril Martin (Cyril.martin@wfp.org) to provide their need estimations.
- The Global Logistics Cluster encourages partners to share their assessments, the links to which could be posted on the Lebanon page. Caritas, ACTED and Concern Worldwide will conduct a supply chain assessment on shelter requirements for Beirut and Tripoli. This assessment will start shortly.

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Lebanon Emergency Response



- Partners are invited to share information on their incoming cargo through Lebanon-logs@logcluster.org and to indicate their needs for international transport through the [CHOCOLAT](#) platform.
- Meeting minutes, maps and resources can be found on the [Lebanon country page](#).
- The [Logistics Capacity Assessment](#) provides useful information for partners' logistics planning.
- The next Logistics Sector Coordination Meeting in Beirut is scheduled on Monday 17 August at 11:00 Beirut time.

The next Global Logistics Cluster Teleconference is scheduled on Tuesday 18 August at 16:00 CEST.

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