**Highlights**

- From the 22 – 28 August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of 1,535 pallets of Food, WASH and Shelter supplies, via 59 trucks on behalf of the humanitarian community, the highest weekly amount since the start of the operation.

- As of 28 August, more than 100 Logistics Cluster services requests have been received since the start of the Gaza Emergency Operation on 30 July 2014.

- On 27 August, for the first time since 2007, WFP successfully transported over 15,000 food parcels from Egypt to the Gaza Strip via Rafah crossing. The Logistics Cluster will now assess needs and the possibilities of whether the crossing can be used on a more permanent basis to support the humanitarian community transport relief items from Egypt into the Gaza Strip: [http://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/wfp-humanitarian-convoy-delivers-food-gaza-through-egypt%E2%80%99s-rafah-crossing](http://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/wfp-humanitarian-convoy-delivers-food-gaza-through-egypt%E2%80%99s-rafah-crossing)

- Throughout the ceasefire, the Logistics Cluster continues to monitor the impact on logistics access constraints, and the security of humanitarian space for the transport and distribution of relief supplies.

**Transport Services**

- Since Logistics Cluster activation on the 30 July, 160 trucks transporting 4,175 pallets of humanitarian relief items including food, WASH and shelter supplies have been transported by the Logistics Cluster on behalf of the humanitarian community for distribution within the Gaza Strip.

- 34 humanitarian organisations have been supported by the Logistics Cluster since activation on 30 July, including the Premiere Urgence-Aide Medicale International (PU-AMI), Hebron Food Trade Association and UNICEF Jerusalem.

- Out of a total of 4,175 pallets, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transportation of over 2,360 pallets of private donations from local organisations and civil society groups for distribution within the Gaza Strip in the initial four weeks of the emergency response operation.

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*The Kerem Shalom crossing from Israel into the Gaza Strip is closed on Fridays and Saturdays

**On 27 August, the Kerem Shalom crossing from Israel into the Gaza Strip was closed due to security reasons*
Three dedicated warehouses have been secured by the Logistics Cluster for use as common storage for the humanitarian community inside the Gaza Strip. The warehouses are located in Middle Area/Gaza City (800 m² capacity), Khan Younis (600 m² Capacity) and Rafah (450 m² Capacity) where an additional refrigerated warehouse (40 m² capacity) is available.

Five staging areas for cargo consolidation, palletisation and loading prior to transportation have been made available by the Logistics Cluster for use by the humanitarian community. The staging areas are located in Jerusalem, Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus and Ashqelon.
Five weekly Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings have been held with partners attending in Jerusalem and linked via live video to the Logistics Cluster Meeting in Gaza City.

31 information products including meeting minutes, daily and weekly Situation Updates, Service Request Guidance and Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps) have been shared via the dedicated Logistics Cluster mailing list and Gaza Operations page on the Logistics Cluster website: [http://logcluster.org/ops/gaza14a](http://logcluster.org/ops/gaza14a)

GIS mapping support, including publication of ConOps, Access Constraints maps and maps upon request, have been provided support to the humanitarian community.

Coordination with relevant authorities to facilitate the movement of humanitarian relief from the West Bank and Israel to the Gaza Strip.

The Logistics Cluster is consolidating information on crossing points and liaising with relevant authorities in to ease bottlenecks and investigate possible solutions to delays.

From 26 – 28 August, training for six staff members was held in preparation for the implementation of the standard Logistics Cluster Relief Item Tracking Application (RITA) which will be used to support the cargo tracking and reporting needs of the Logistics Cluster Gaza Emergency Operation.

The Logistics Cluster is requesting a list of sector cargo priorities for the Gaza humanitarian response in the case that not all cargo requests can be delivered in a timely manner due to the security crossing process.

Cargo transported via Betunia crossing from the West Bank into Israel is currently experiencing significant delays due to limited capacity, security equipment, variable cargo prioritisation procedures and limited opening hours. Delays may cause increased costs and lead time for truck redirection to Tarqumia crossing, fees for arrival at Kerem Shalom after 13h30 to cross in the Gaza Strip, or spoilage of perishable cargo.
• Cargo transported via Tarqumia crossing from the West Bank into Israel is experiencing delays in cargo processing due to the increasing number of trucks diverted from Betunia and complex security procedures.

• The Kerem Shalom crossing from Israel to the Gaza Strip was closed on 26 August from 10h40, instead of the usual closing time of 15h00. 10 trucks with 250 pallets of humanitarian relief items, coordinated and facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, were unable to cross that day.

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