

**Highlights**

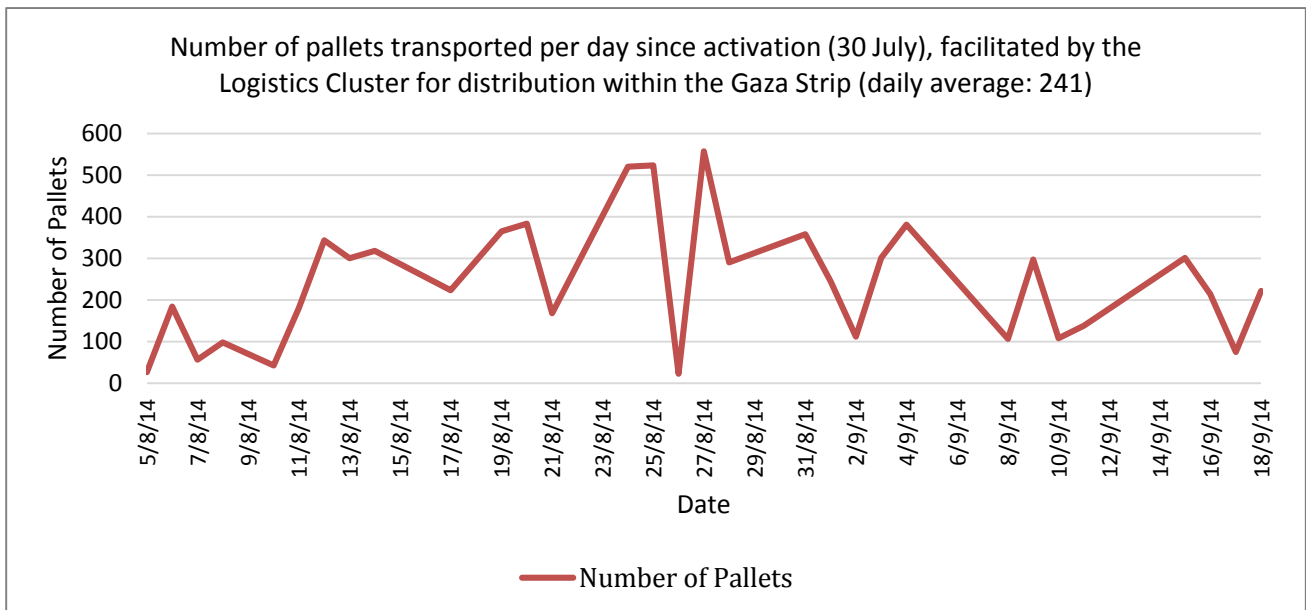
- On 16 September the UN reached an agreement with Israel and Palestinian Authorities on a new reconstruction mechanism to allow for an increase in the amount of reconstruction material to be brought in for the recovery and rehabilitation effort in the Gaza Strip.
- During the reporting period, from 12 - 18 September, the Logistics Cluster has received six requests for facilitating the transportation of humanitarian relief including food, water, sanitation and health (WASH) and shelter items. All have been completed.

**Transport Services**

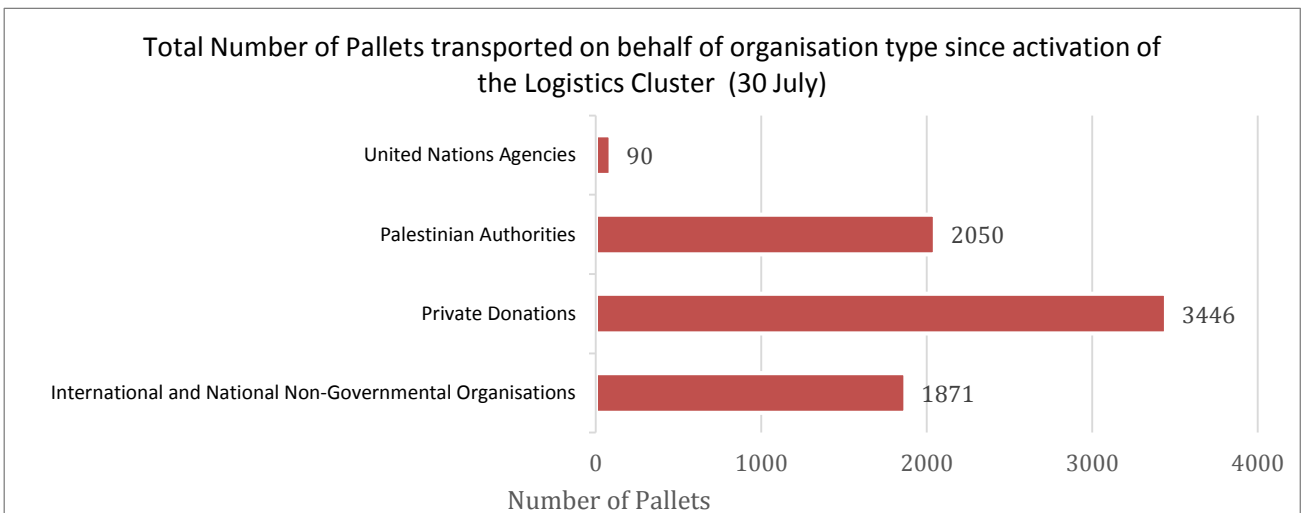
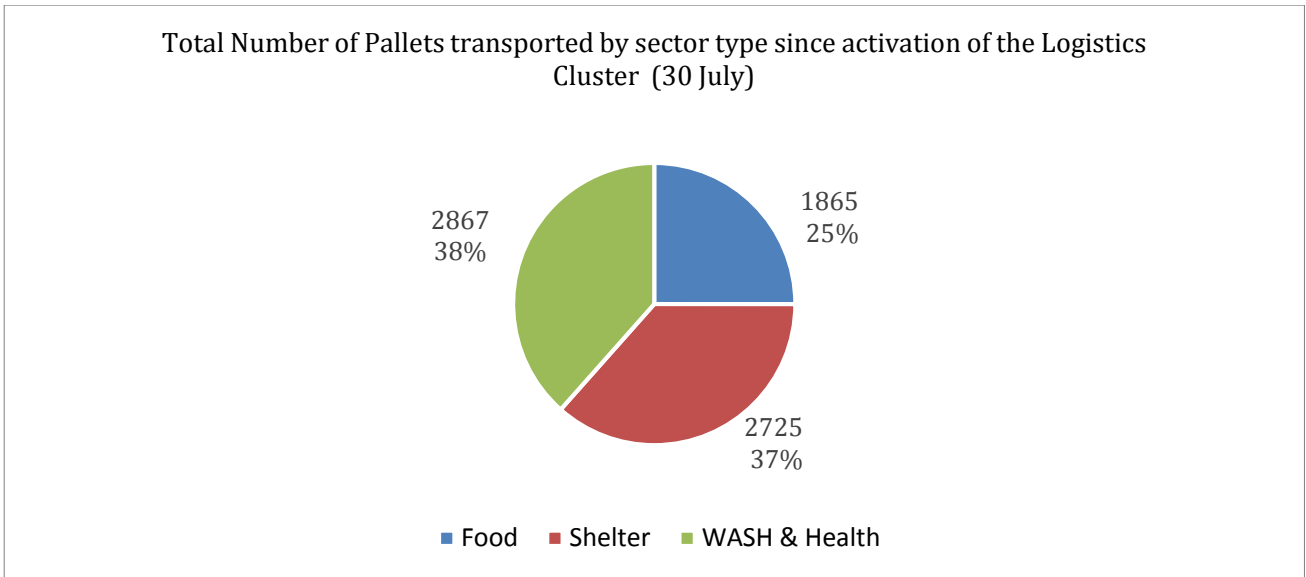
Since activation on 30 July, the Logistics Cluster has:

- Facilitated the transportation of 7,457 pallets of humanitarian relief supplies via 280 trucks on behalf of humanitarian organisations for distribution within the Gaza Strip.
- Supported 44 humanitarian organisations including Dura Countryside Women's Society, Global Communities and the Arab Society for Rehabilitation.
- Facilitated the transportation of over 2,050 out of a total of 7,457 pallets with the Palestinian Authority for distribution within the Gaza Strip.

Total from 12 - 18 September	
Trucks crossed into the Gaza Strip	30
Pallets delivered within the Gaza Strip	812
Number Organizations Supported	12



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



**Common Storage**

- 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.
- 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 m<sup>2</sup> capacity), Khan Younis (600 m<sup>2</sup> Capacity) and Rafah (450 m<sup>2</sup> Capacity) where an additional refrigerated warehouse (40 m<sup>2</sup> capacity) is available.
- 16 pallets of mixed food and tents are being stored in the Logistics Cluster warehouse in Gaza City since 15 September on behalf of the Women's Affairs Technical Committee.

**Coordination/Information Management/GIS**

Since activation on 30 July, the Logistics Cluster has:

- Held seven weekly Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings with partners attending in Jerusalem, Ramallah and Gaza City, all linked via video teleconference.

- Shared 41 information products, including meeting minutes, daily and weekly Situation Updates, Service Request Guidance and Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps) via the dedicated Logistics Cluster mailing list and Gaza Operations page on the Logistics Cluster website: <http://logcluster.org/ops/gaza14a>.
- Provided GIS mapping support, including publication of ConOps, Access Constraints maps and maps upon request for the humanitarian community.
- Coordinated the movement with COGAT (Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories) of 280 trucks from the West Bank and Israel into the Gaza Strip.
- Consolidated information on crossing points and liaised with relevant authorities to ease bottlenecks and investigate possible solutions to delays.

**Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks**

- Due to the upcoming holidays in September, Kerem Shalom Crossing will be closed on the dates below. Additional holidays will be taking place in October. For information on crossing opening hours, please see the following document on the Gaza Emergency Operations page on the Logistics Cluster website: <http://www.logcluster.org/document/kerem-shalom-crossing-open-hours-during-jewish-holidays>.

Wed 24 Sept	Thurs 25 Sept	Fri 26 Sept	Sat 27 Sept	Sun 28 Sept
Closed as of 1pm	Closed	Closed	Closed (as per normal schedule)	Open

- Due to limited capacity, opening hours and security equipment at Betunia crossing from the West Bank into Israel, a number of trucks continue to be redirected via Share Ephraim, a northern alternative to Betunia which is the most suitable crossing point for trucks loaded in Ramallah. During the reporting period (12 - 18 September), out of 14 trucks loaded in Ramallah, 9 were redirected to cross at Share Ephraim.
- The Logistics Cluster is liaising with relevant authorities regarding the prioritisation of humanitarian relief cargo at Betunia in order to avoid delays and truck redirection.
- A possible extensions to Kerem Shalom opening hours is also being investigated in order to allow trucks delayed at Betunia additional time to reach the crossing and avoid fees for arrival at Kerem Shalom after 13h30 to cross in the Gaza Strip

**Table: Logistics Cluster Betunia constraints report (12 - 18 September)**

<b>Number of Trucks loaded in Ramallah*</b>	13
<b>Number of trucks crossed from West Bank to Israel through Betunia</b>	5
<b>Number of Trucks loaded in Ramallah redirected through Share Ephraim</b>	8

\* Betunia is the most suitable crossing point for trucks loaded in Ramallah travelling from The West Bank to Israel

**Fees per crossing:**

Crossing	Fee	
	Palestinian side	Israeli side
<b>Kerem Shalom (since 2007)*</b>	500 Nis	700 Nis
<b>Betunia</b>	n/a	87 Nis

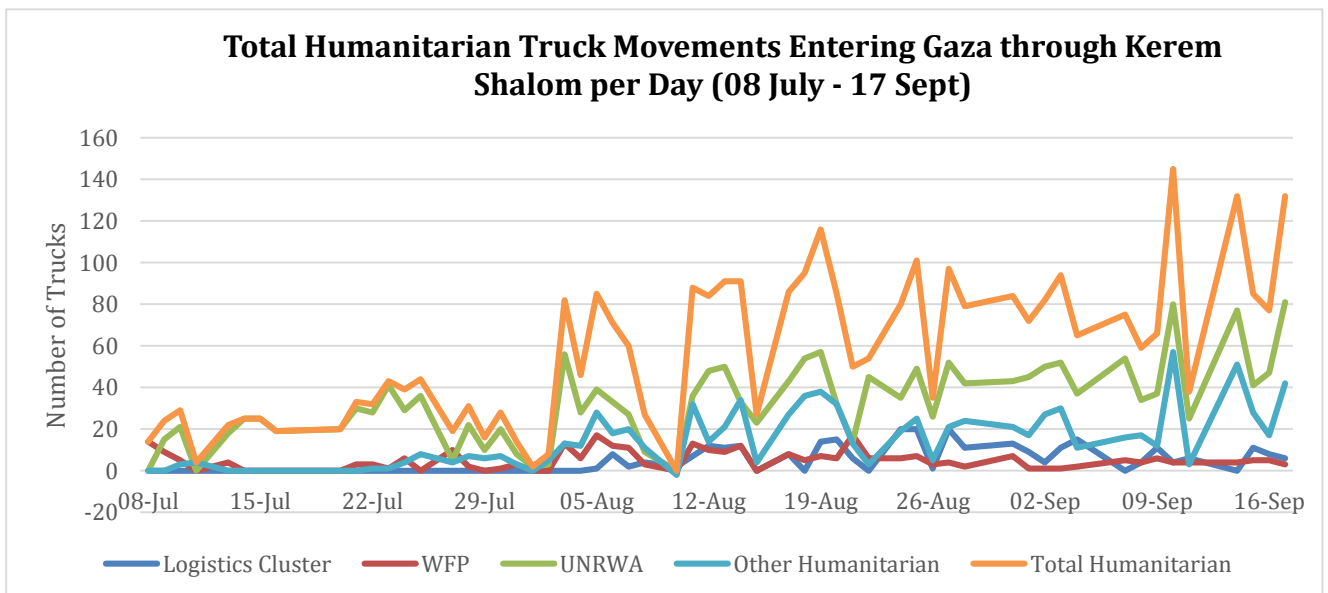
\*These fees are applicable to larger vehicles only

Note: *Allenby Crossing: +/-20Nis per pallet on entering the Israeli side (no additional fees are required at other crossings).*

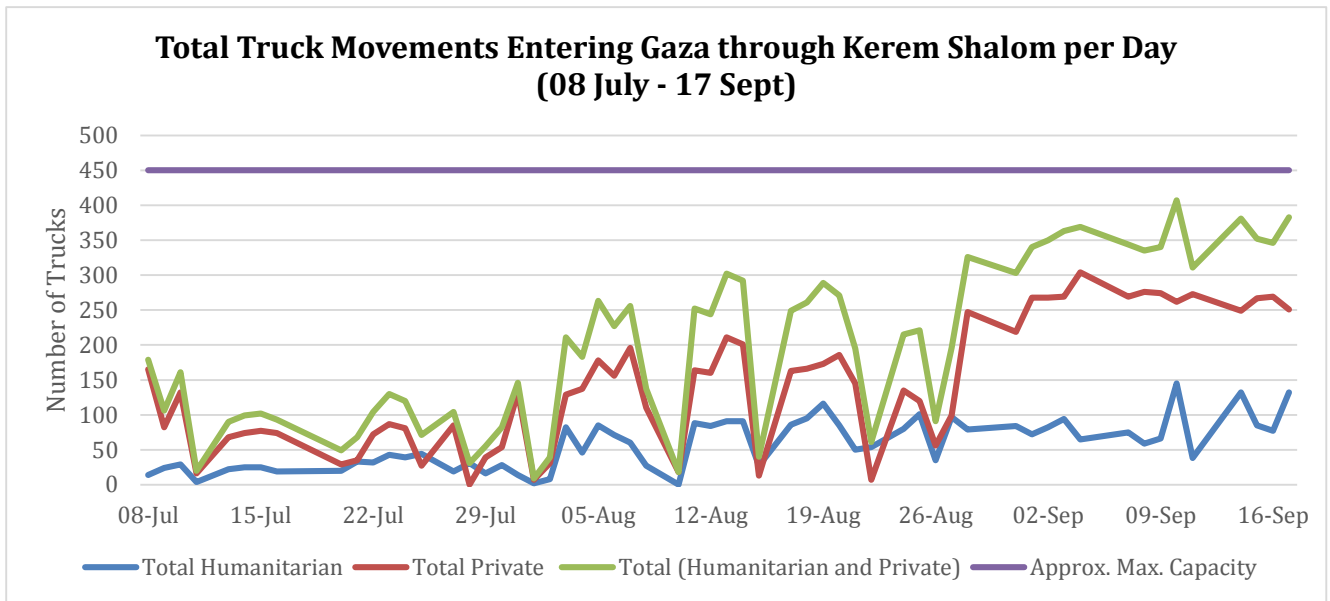
**Table: Total number of Truck movements by Crossing** (Source: OCHA 2014, ACU 2014)

	July	August	September
<b>Kerem Shalom (Israel / Gaza)</b>	2,473	5,151	4,621 (01 – 17 Sept)
Humanitarian	(8 – 31 July) 481	1,724 (33%)	1,122 (01 – 17 Sept)
Private Sector	(8 – 31 July) 1,329	3,427 (67%)	3,499 (01 – 17 Sept)
<b>Rafah (Egypt / Gaza)*</b>	180	107	31 (01 – 11 Sept)

\*Bilateral aid donations and humanitarian relief transportation only, information on private sector movements unavailable



(Source: OCHA 2014, ACU 2014)



*\*Please note, the data provided has been collected from various sources and may be subject to inaccuracy*

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