LOCATION: Save the Children’s office, Antakya, Turkey

DATE: 13 July 2016

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster


ACTION POINTS: Organisations to provide feedback and communicate needs on money transfers in Antakya.

AGENDA:
1. Border Crossing Update
2. A.O.B.

1. Border Crossing Update

- Both Bab Al-Salam (BAS) and Bab Al-Hawa (BAH) crossings are open and operational in terms of humanitarian, commercial and UN Cargo crossing.
- As per feedback from Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), Bukulmez (Atmeh) and Yayladagi/Guvecci (Ain Al-Bayda) crossings are open as well but are being operated through TRC.
- Humanitarian trucks can reach Aleppo, Idleb and Afrin from Bab Al-Hawa (BAH) and Azaz, Afrin and some parts of Aleppo from Bab Al-Salam (BAS).
- TRC stated that the Kobane (Mursitpinar) crossing remains closed, although the upgrading works have been finished. The X-Ray machine was planned to be replaced during the second week of July at the custom zone.

2. A.O.B.

- The Logistics Cluster requested participants’ feedback on the possibility to combine Logistics Cluster meetings with NGOs/INGOs and UN Coordination meetings with UN Agencies. Participants agreed to combine these meetings. The Logistics Cluster will notify organisations about the outcome of the final decision and the date of the next joint meeting after the next meeting with INGOs/NGOs which will take place on 27 July in Gaziantep.
- The Logistics Cluster briefed the participants on the Global Logistics Cluster’s Lessons Learned mission to Turkey. The Lessons Learned team will be interviewing UN Agencies and NGOs/INGOs with regards to cross-border activities.
- The Logistics Cluster informed the participants that procedures for “fuel export exemption” are in place at both BAS and BAH and inquired whether organisations are planning to use the exemption. One of the organisations stated that they approached the Governor of Antakya for exporting fuel to Syria through the Reyhanli crossing (BAH) and the demand is still under consideration. As per feedback from OCHA, so far the Governor of Antakya has not given a general approval for fuel crossing. Only the fuel export for one
medical NGO has been authorised so far, although this has not taken place yet as the quantity is small. OCHA will follow up on the issue.

- The daily trucking capacity of Bukulmez (Atmeh) crossing is 25 trucks, as per feedback from TRC.
- IOM is working on establishing a training centre for humanitarian activities inside the Turkish custom zone of the Reyhanli crossing.
- OCHA confirmed that the limits to the number of Syrian staff working for humanitarian organisations and to staff crossing procedures imposed by the Government of Turkey remain in place. OCHA will continue to follow up on the issue, advocating for more flexibility. More information on this issue can be obtained directly from OCHA.
- The Logistics Cluster will collect feedback and expressions of need on money transfers in Antakya and share the information with interested organisations.
- The District Governor of Atmeh can be approached to facilitate the movement of archive documents from Syria to Turkey.
- Regarding mapping and routes inside Syria, organisations can contact OCHA.
- The Logistics Cluster contacted TRC Border Relief Manager and it was established that the shipment of solar lamps can be facilitated by TRC in case of any demand.
- The Logistics Cluster requested a list of supplies classified as ‘humanitarian goods’ from TRC. However, as per feedback from TRC, there is no specific list, and facilitation requests are evaluated on a case by case basis by TRC.
- The date and location of the next cluster meeting will be communicated once set.

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