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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: International Medical Corps (IMC), International Relief & Development (IRD), Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium (MSF-B); Mercy Hands; OCHA; Terre des Hommes (TDH); United Iraqi Medical Society (UIMS); UNICEF; UNHCR; WFP
ACTION POINTS: Logistics Cluster to assess and clarify capacity of newly opened Altun Kupri Bridge.

AGENDA:
1. Humanitarian and operational updates
2. Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO): feedback and 2019 logistics priorities
3. Access
4. Logistics Cluster updates and common services
5. AOB

1. Humanitarian updates

- On 6 August, an inter-agency mission visited villages located along the Syrian border, in Sinuni sub-district. Meeting participants were provided with an update on the mission and findings.
- The main road of Khany camp in Duhok has been completed.

2. Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)

- Discussion on logistics issues and constraints that may affect Iraq during 2019, to be contributed to the HNO.
- Feedback received on the Iraq market capacity. In general, market capacity in-country has greatly improved over the past year, decreasing the need for large-scale import of humanitarian goods, however some development is still required for local markets in Mosul.
- Most organisations are conducting and sharing market assessments, and local procurement systems. It was advised that partners should consider using and developing local markets within their projects (i.e. more time and effort required for local procurement).
- Feedback provided in relation to donor requirements for supplier registration, as most organisations require proof of registration and tax records as a requirement for donors. A note to the donors stating that local procurement plays an important role in capacity building and localisation efforts should support any proposals in an attempt to alleviate the need for this requirement.
- It was noted that companies operating in Baghdad or Tikrit can easily work in Mosul, provided they are cleared by the government.
- It was noted that medicines will continue to be imported at this stage, due to quality issues.
- Partners agreed that the need for logistics coordination and information management, and links with government will continue into 2019.

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• Strengthening government emergency response through capacity building activities could be worked on as a preparedness measure.

• In general, the capacities of all actors to respond has greatly improved.

3. Access

• The road between Kirkuk and Erbil reopened last week. Logistics Cluster to assess and clarify capacity of the newly-opened Altun Kupri Bridge.

• WFP and Mercy hands reported difficulties when moving food from Federal Iraq (Erbil to Baghdad), due to bureaucratic processes.

• Clarification requested on the continued requirement for a double import type system when importing to Federal Iraq through Kurdish Region of Iraq (KRI), or moving KRI to Federal Iraq. The government is working towards a single import procedure. Logistics Cluster will continue to seek clarification and work through existing systems, strengthening links with relevant authorities. All import procedures can be found on the Logistics Cluster website.

• When moving from Erbil to Mosul, it is important to involve the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Centre (JCMC) office in Mosul. Please contact Mr Ali Omar (07709545519).

4. AOB

• Logistics Cluster confirmed that the One Stop Shop (OSS) project is likely to be closed at the end of September, as initially informed. Discussions with Head of Agencies and JCC are still ongoing to facilitate the transition phase.

• The WASH cluster is currently leading an interagency water supply contamination assessment in and around Basra.

• WFP is conducting assessments of procurement/logistics capacities in 12 governorates in Federal Iraq, for potential future projects, information will be shared over the coming months.

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