

**LOCATION:** Dahuk, Iraq – WFP/UNHCR Office

**DATE:** 25 October 2017

**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster

**PARTICIPANTS:** CARE International, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Help-EV, International Medical Corps (IMC), Japan Emergency NGO (JEN), La Chaine de l'Espoir (CDO), Malteser International, Medecins Sans Frontieres – Switzerland (MSF-CH), Medicos Del Mundo – Spain (MDM), Mission East, OCHA, People in Need (PIN), Premiere Urgence International (PUI), Samaritan's Purse International Relief (SPIR), UNICEF.

**ACTION POINTS:**

- Logistics Cluster to follow up with OCHA on the delays with clearances and approval letters for the movement of goods.
- Logistics Cluster to continue to work with OCHA on any official communication on border points, roads, checkpoints and airport closures and share with the partners through the mailing list/skype groups.
- Logistics Cluster to share the findings on the Um Qasr seaport assessment.

**AGENDA:**

1. Previous Action Points
2. Roundtable discussion on response and logistics constraints/bottlenecks
3. Logistics Cluster updates and common
4. AOB

## 1. Previous Action Points

- The Mosul-Dahuk highway remains closed, but the secondary route through Shikhan is open.
- Kurdistan International, Region Trade Bank, Erbil Bank and Jihan Bank are currently subject to a currency transfer ban. However, so far, there is no identified gap in cash availability in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

## 2. Roundtable Discussion on Response and Logistics Constraints

### Situation Update

- The military offensive to retake western Anbar is set to begin in the first week of November.
- Much of the screening and response is expected to take place in situation, so large displacements are not expected. There expected number of people affected is estimated at 50,000.
- Main concerns remain the level of IED contamination in the area and along the access routes from Baghdad.
- There may be a need for increased presence and logistics capacity in Haditha, in order to respond to the people remaining in their homes.
- There is an ongoing shift of territory between the KRG and the central government; the Logistics Cluster is sharing relevant updates with the skype group.

### Access & Transport

- The Ibrahim Khalil border is functioning normally, and transporters have been told they will receive at least five days' notice before any potential closure.

- The entry points into KRI from Iran have been closed for two weeks; however, the Bashmakh crossing was reopened on 25 October.
- The entry point from Fishkhabor (Syria) is open, and remains in Kurdish territory.
- Border areas between the KRI and Federal Iraq remain open but organisations sporadically face problems at checkpoints.
- The letters that allow access into Ninewa for organisations that are not registered in Federal Iraq have been extended to Salah al-Din and Hawija, but these letters are now being issued from Hajj Ali.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Bridge in Mosul is now open; traffic runs one way from east to west. The Iron Bridge (next to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge) runs one way from west to east.
- A bridge south east of Shaykhan was destroyed on 23 October - for GPS coordinates, organisations can reach out to [georgia.farley@wfp.org](mailto:georgia.farley@wfp.org)
- Organisations present expressed concern over the movements of goods within and from the KRI to Federal Iraq. Many groups are bringing goods to Mersin (Turkey) and then overland to Ibrahim Khalil, but the process is fluid and subject to change.
- Organisations present reported they are facing issues in obtaining the appropriate clearances, especially for medical items. OCHA is meeting with the Joint Crisis Coordination (JCC) centre on 26 October to discuss these issues. Organisations are encouraged to send their specific concerns on this topic to OCHA so that they can be raised together.
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to work with OCHA on the official communication on border points, roads, checkpoints and airport closures and share with partners through the mailing list and skype groups.

### Storage/Supply Chain

- A number of organisations are currently unable to import urgently needed medical items, which were previously being imported through the Erbil International Airport.
- Some organisations are beginning to fly or ship these supplies into Turkey (Gaziantep, Mersin) and then transport it via road through the Ibrahim Khalil border.
- Organisations present expressed concern about bringing in goods from Turkey if the authorities controlling the border crossing were to change, as this would likely impact the importation process. NGOs that prefer to procure locally are also concerned about the effects on the local market if this change was to take place.

### 3. Logistics Cluster Updates and Common Storage

- Between 17 October 2016 and 24 October 2017, a total of 68,428 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo, equivalent to 17,416 mt, has been received for storage, and 7,325 m<sup>3</sup> (1,687 mt) transported on behalf of 48 humanitarian organisations across the 16 different Logistics Cluster hubs.
- Twenty-three 23 MSUs are in stock (in Baghdad, Dahuk and Erbil) and available for loan to humanitarian organisations for specific needs, in particular in the operational areas.

- The common storage facilities in Nargizlia 1 and New Zelikan camps have been closed.
- The Logistics Cluster conducted a one-week assessment of the Um Qasr seaport. A findings report will be shared in the coming days.
- The Logistics Cluster is working on its plan for 2018, based on the expected changes in the operating environment, namely:
  - Major scale down of in-camp common storage facilities
  - Encourage MSU loans to partners
  - Focus on access infrastructure (e.g. bridges)
  - Focus on the importation of medical items into Baghdad
- The main logistics hubs in Erbil, Dahuk, Tikrit and Baghdad will be promoted for cargo consolidation and contingency stocks, and the cluster will continue to respond if/where further logistics needs and gaps arise.
- Logistics Cluster common storage is currently available in the following locations:
 

<u>KRI:</u>	<u>Federal Iraq:</u>
○ Bardarash: 1,200 m <sup>2</sup>	○ Baghdad: 2,000 m <sup>2</sup>
○ Dahuk: 2,760 m <sup>2</sup>	○ Hajj Ali camp: 640 m <sup>2</sup>
○ Debaga camp: 480 m <sup>2</sup>	○ Hamam al 'Alil – MODM: 1,080 m <sup>2</sup>
○ Erbil: 5,400 m <sup>2</sup>	○ Hamam al 'Alil - UNHCR: 2,080 m <sup>2</sup>
○ Gogali: 1,200 m <sup>2</sup>	○ Qayyarah Airstrip camp: 1,280 m <sup>2</sup>
○ Hasansham camp: 240 m <sup>2</sup>	○ Qayyarah Jad'ah camp: 320 m <sup>2</sup>
○ Khazer camp: 920 m <sup>2</sup>	○ Salamiyah – UNHCR: 960 m <sup>2</sup>
○ Zummar: 480 m <sup>2</sup>	○ Tikrit: 3,400 m <sup>2</sup>

#### 4. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster to share the findings on the Um Qasr seaport assessment.
- The 2018 People in Need (PIN) number for Iraq has been estimated at 8.3 million, with the humanitarian community aiming to reach 2.7 million. An HRP meeting is scheduled for 26 October.
- The following documents and assessment reports are newly available:
  - *RPA Crisis Information Report: Haj Ali IDP Camp (09 Oct.) – Protection Cluster*
  - *RPA Crisis Information Report: Jeddah 5 IDP Camp (13 Oct.) – Protection Cluster*
  - *Technical Guidance on Climatisation and Seasonal Support: September 2017 – Shelter Cluster*
  - *Tel Afar City (03 October) – REACH*
  - *NFI Technical Guidance - Shelter Cluster, 01-Oct-17*
  - *August Factsheet: Joint Price Monitoring Initiative – REACH, 28-Sep-17*
  - *Western Anbar (Ana, Ru'ua and Qa'im), Rapid Humanitarian overview (22 September) - REACH*
  - *August Snapshot: Towards Stability, Improving Resilience, Promoting Cohesion – IOM, 19-Sep-17*
  - *Hawiga District: Rapid Humanitarian Overview (17 September) - REACH*
  - *Preliminary Damage Assessment: Telafar (31 August) - UN Habitat*

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