LOCATION: Dohuk, Iraq
DATE: 7 March 2018
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Help – e.V., IOM, Malteser, Medair, Medicos del Mundo (MdM), Mission East, OCHA, Samaritan’s Purse, UNICEF, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), WFP.

ACTION POINTS:
- Organisations with information on new requirements for the Mosul-Dahuk Highway approval are encouraged to get in touch with the Logistics Cluster.
- Organisations with reliable contacts for storage facilities and/or space for MSU erection in Mosul to get in touch with the Logistics Cluster.
- Logistics Cluster to follow up with OCHA on access related issues.
- The Logistics Cluster will look into identifying vacant space for erecting MSUs in Mosul.

AGENDA:
1. Humanitarian and operational updates
2. Logistics constraints/bottlenecks
3. Logistics Cluster updates and common services
4. AOB

1. Humanitarian and Operational Updates

- The suspension of international flights to the KRI airports has been extended until 31 May.
- While there are returns taking place, those who were in out-of-camp locations are moving into the newly opened spaces in camps and there is a high rate of re-displacement, as people are finding their areas of origin un-inhabitable and/or with a complete lack of services. Therefore, camp population is not decreasing as much as expected and the demand for in-camp services remains high.

Dahuk
- UNHCR and OCHA conducted a joint mission to Zummar on 28 February to gain a better understanding of the situation on ground, in particular regarding returns.
  - Access from Dahuk through the Mosul Dam via Hatara was straightforward. There are still concerns on accessing the smaller villages in the area as they have not been fully demined.
  - The local authorities are still working to determine the exact numbers of returnees, and there are currently almost no funds dedicated to rehabilitating the area.
  - It was stressed that some humanitarian groups are not working with the authorities and that it is important to do so to avoid duplications and tensions.
  - Shelter remains the highest priority in the area, as well as access to clean water, electricity and education facilities.

2. Logistics Constraints/Bottlenecks

Access
- One organisation reported that they have been unable to obtain the Ninewa Access letter. It has been a month since they sent their request and no feedback was received.

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Another organisation reported they have faced issues gaining approval to use the Mosul-Dahuk Highway (HWY 2), as they were being asked to provide information they felt was sensitive to their operations and staff security. No other organisations have so far faced this; any organisation with information of any new requirements are encouraged to get in touch with the Logistics Cluster.

The Logistics Cluster will share any access related issues with OCHA and share any updates through the skype group.

The PKK route from Erbil to Makhmour has been assessed and cleared by UNDSS. The Logistics Cluster is expecting to have the exact coordinates soon and will share them through the interactive access map.

The direct route through Makhmour has been opened on the Kurdish side, but not yet on the Iraqi side. Any verified information will be shared through the skype group.

The Debaga-Dibis route to Kirkuk is accessible using a JCC letter, providing that the route is specified. There have been some reports of NGOs being stopped while using the Taq Taq route, so this not recommended for now. The direct route through Altun Kupri remains inaccessible.

The Fishkhabor border crossing with Syria will be closed on Thursday, 8 March. It will begin operating again normally on Saturday, 10 March.

For comments or updates to the interactive online access map, send inputs to: georgia.farley@wfp.org

**Importations to Baghdad**

- Difficulties continue regarding importation of humanitarian cargo into Baghdad. One organisation has a large consignment of medical items held at the airport, with the expiration dates approaching. Any organisation (registered in Baghdad) that could act as a consignee is encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster has finished the recruitment of the Customs Officer for the Baghdad importation project; he should arrive in Baghdad on 10 March. He will begin reaching out to individual organisations to ascertain their current challenges in regards to humanitarian imports.

**3. Logistics Cluster Updates and Common Services**

- Between 17 October 2016 and 5 February 2018, a total of 92,126 m³ of humanitarian cargo, equivalent to 25,255 mt, has been received for storage, and 7,336 m³ (1,692 mt) transported on behalf of 48 humanitarian organisations across the different Logistics Cluster hubs.
- The Logistics Cluster conducted a warehouse availability assessment in east Mosul, to evaluate capacity and to check the feasibility of using MSUs to extend organisations’ current capacities.
- The cluster reached out to organisations regarding their warehousing capacity. This information is being used to update the Humanitarian Community Storage Capacity by Partner map; which in turn encourages cooperation and asset sharing, as well as helping to inform decisions regarding common logistics services. *This map is not shared publically; it is only for internal use of the Logistics Cluster and its partners.*
- Last week, the Logistics Cluster participated in the Ninewa ICCG meeting held in Mosul. An overall message from the organisations present was that the clusters are not present in Mosul, despite large and complex needs. Organisations requiring logistics support should get in touch with: cameron.kiss@wfp.org
- The Logistics Cluster dispatched plastic pallets to an organisation operating in Kirkuk. Organisations are reminded that the cluster has mobile storage units in stock in Erbil, Baghdad and Dahuk, available for loan,
at no cost for user, to any organisation requiring storage capacity. The cluster will take care of transport, erection and disassembly of the MSU, while the requesting organisation is in charge of preparing the land.

- Regarding MSU loans, organisations require no additional insurance arrangements, they simply need to inform the cluster how long they need the MSUs and sign a two-page MOU, after which Logistics Cluster will arrange for the transportation and installation of the MSUs as agreed with the organisation.

### Trainings
- The Logistics Cluster is organising two comprehensive logistics trainings for May and June 2018.
  - The national Logistics Response Team (LRT) training, in Erbil, will be an intensive five-day simulation training, where participants are required to set up an inter-agency logistics response.
  - The Emergency Logistics Induction Training will follow the national LRT. The training will be held in Baghdad four days of mostly theory-based sessions to outlines common bottlenecks, best practices, operational planning and warehousing in emergency humanitarian contexts.
- Both trainings will include operational decision makers from the government, NGOs and UN agencies operating in Iraq and across the region. These trainings are aimed at capacity building government and developing links between government and humanitarian agencies.
- Invitations were sent to the global partner list and to the country directors of many national NGOs operating in Iraq.

### Common Storage
- From 1 January 2018, common storage totals to 17,160 m² across six locations:
  - Baghdad: 2,000 m²
  - Dahuk: 2,760 m²
  - Erbil: 5,400 m²
  - Hamam al ‘Ali (MODM): 1,040 m²
  - Hamam al ‘Ali (UNHCR): 2,080 m²
  - Tikrit: 3,400 m²

### 4. AOB
- One organisation operating in north east Syria asked for any updates and/or information on the Qamishli Airport: whether it is functioning; what is the capacity; are there any restrictions on the type of cargo or the organisations using it. The Logistics Cluster will follow up and share any available information.
- Another organisation requested contact details of any car rental companies with a large fleet of vehicles. Those with information are requested to contact the Logistics Cluster.

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### Service Requests
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