LOCATION: Dahuk, Iraq
DATE: 11 April 2018
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS: Acted; Blumont; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF International); Danish Refugee Concil (DRC); Help; IOM; Malteser International (MI); MEDAIR; Medecins du Monde (MDM); MDM Spain; Premiere Urgence Internationale (PUI); Syria Relief; Tear Fund; UNICEF; WFP.

ACTION POINTS:
- Logistics Cluster to continue sharing updates on Fishkabur Border crossing operations.
- Organisations to send comments, on the termination of the One Stop Shop project.

AGENDA:
1. Previous Action Points
2. Humanitarian updates and operational constraints
3. Exit strategy for OSS
4. Common services and training
5. AOB

1. Previous Action Points

- The Logistics Cluster has conducted a warehouse assessment in Mosul. The report has been shared through the mailing list. Organisations wishing to receive the report can contact the Logistics Cluster. Contacts of the owners of the warehouses are available on demand.
- The Logistics Cluster is updating the Master Supplier List to make it more reliable and verifiable. Organisations are encouraged to share relevant information with the Logistics Cluster.

2. Humanitarian updates and operational constraints

SINJAR UPDATES
- OCHA Dahuk together with the sub-national cluster Focal Points have drafted a Sinjar preparedness plan/document which lays out measures taken and planned to deal with potential displacement of civilians as a result of possible military actions in the area.
- OCHA has a Sinjar/Sinuni coordination meeting planned for Tuesday 10 April 2018, in Sinjar.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES
- All International NGOs operating in Iraq (registered and non-registered) shall submit their visa requests through the Directorate of NGOs effective 4 April 2018. INGOs that have pending visa requests to JCMC should resubmit their applications to the Directorate of NGOs.
- Syrian NGO staff who do not have a Federal Iraqi work permit cannot be included in Lieutenant General (LTG) Bassem’s access letter. Effective immediately (4 April), Syrian NGO staff without a Federal Iraqi work permit must cease to make use of LTG Bassem’s letter in Ninewa, Salah Ad Din (SAD) and Kirkuk even if the letter remains valid.
- Last week JCC confirmed that the cargo section at EIA is operational. Organisations can now import goods through EIA using the previous JCC procedures for KRI.

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• KRI and Federal Government are scheduled to discuss and implement harmonised custom procedures across the country, meaning the processes/procedures for importation of goods through EIA might change in the coming weeks/months.

• One of the participants mentioned that staff working for NGOs must register in Baghdad obtain visa. The Federal Iraq OSS is situated in the red zone, and visa procedures usually take between 4 to 5 weeks. All visas requests submitted after 15 March in Federal Iraq must be submitted again.

• The Logistics Cluster Custom Focal Point has arrived in Baghdad last month; the cluster now has the capacity to address / clarify import issues for Federal Iraq. A mapping of the customs processes for Federal Iraq is currently ongoing.

ACCESS CONSTRAINTS

• The suspension of international flights to the KRI airports was lifted. Erbil International Airport resumed operations on 15 March, with the first commercial airline (Fly Dubai) commencing flights on 19 March.

• According to one participant, civilians travelling from KRI to a foreign country with a layover in Baghdad must have a visa to transit Baghdad.

• Sulaymaniyyah Airport is reported opened and working. International flights are being received, except from Turkey. Organisations have not yet reported to the cluster having flew to Sulaymaniyyah since the reopening of the airport to international flights.

• The direct route from Erbil to Makhmour and beyond was reopened on 2 April. All obstacles have been cleared and the road is now being used for civilian and cargo movements.

• Operations at the Fishkhabor border crossing point (BCP) with Syria was interrupted last week, 4 April, due to military operation in the Syrian side. The BCP remained closed all day, operations resumed as usual on the following day.

Mosul bridges access

• **Old/1st Bridge**: Open and connecting to the Old City. It runs two-ways but has a 4 mt restriction, so only recommended for civilian traffic.

• **Stone bridge**: Reopening ceremony held on 8 April. This bridge does not run over the Tigris, it is on the east side before the old bridge (refer to the [Interactive Access Map](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/irq14a)).

• **4th Bridge**: The signs say 25 mt but the authorities who technically control the bridges are recommending to not exceed 20 mt.

• **Oberoi Bridge**: The ACROW bridge is almost finished but they are still working on the approach from both sides; it will be opened once the roads connecting the bridge are repaved. It is reported that it will run both ways but this has not been confirmed. Reported capacity is 70 mt.

• **Qayarrah Bridge**: Open for both civilian and trucks, two-way traffic, with a capacity of 20 mt.

Organisations can send comments or updates to feed the interactive online access map, to: [gabriela.espana@wfp.org](mailto:gabriela.espana@wfp.org)
3. Exit strategy for One Stop Shop (OSS)

- The Logistics Cluster will terminate financial assistance to the OSS at the end of June 2018.
- A viable exit strategy needs to be defined, as JCC may not receive the necessary funding to continue.
- The risk remains that the OSS project will close and revert back to the old system of obtaining import clearance through each one of the relevant ministries.
- All partners agreed that if the JCC do not identify funding to continue, the end of the OSS project will have a very negative impact on their activities, with returning to a several-week delay on custom clearance and much more administrative work. Postponing the end of the project seems the better option for the moment until another solution to keep the project running is found.

4. Common services and training

- Between 17 October 2016 and 9 April 2018, a total of **96,148 m³** of humanitarian cargo, equivalent to **26,787 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.

STORAGE

- The Logistics Cluster is working with Mercy Hands on an extension of the provision of common storage in the Hamam al ‘Alil camps, which have received 1,000 new families since mid-January 2018.
- Currently there are six common storage warehouses in the country. Changes in capacity have been updated on the newly published Concept of Operations map, available on the Logistics cluster website, as well on the Iraq webpage.
- **From 1 April 2018** – common storage amounts to **14,360 m²** across six locations:
  - Baghdad: 1,000 m²
  - Dahuk: 4,140 m²
  - Erbil: 2,700 m²
  - Hamam al ‘Alil (MODM): 1,040 m²
  - Hamam al ‘Alil (UNHCR): 2,080 m²
  - Tikrit: 3,400 m²
- The Logistics Cluster has dispatched two Mobile Storage Units (MSU) last month to support the Joint Crisis Coordination Centre (JCC) activities in Dahuk (specifically Domiz), and one MSU to the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) as additional capacity for their operations in Zummar.
- Participants were reminded that MSUs are stock in Erbil, Baghdad and Dahuk for common storage use. These are available for loan, at no-cost-to-user, for any organisation requiring further storage capacity. The cluster will facilitate the transportation, erection and disassembly of the MSU, organisations just needs to prepare the land.
- The Logistics Cluster conducted a **warehouse availability assessment** in east and west Mosul, in order to:
• Identify gaps and/or availability of storage facilities/options in and around Mosul.
• Check the availability of temporary storage units/space for mobile storage units (MSUs)
• Discuss with the owners/proprietors on the possibility and process of use/rent of the facilities by humanitarian organizations/actors.

Following the assessments, meetings with government officials were organised for further discussions on warehousing availability.

**Main outcomes**

• There are gaps in warehousing facilities in West Mosul. Nearly 80% of west Mosul was destroyed, making it difficult to find existing warehouses in functioning condition.

• A number of feasible options are available and have been identified in East Mosul. The capacity appears to be adequate for the time being and according to the demand. However, this capacity might be stretched in the near future if activities in the area increase.

• The assessment report has been shared through our mailing list, organisations wishing to receive a copy, should contact: gabriela.espana@wfp.org

**TRAININGS**

• Logistics Cluster had to postpone the trainings planned for May. An Emergency Logistics Induction Training (ELIT) is tentatively planned for the end of June, and the Logistics Response Team (LRT) training will be rescheduled for September/October.
  o ELIT will be held in Baghdad; four days of mostly theory-based sessions that outlines common bottlenecks, best practices, operational planning and warehousing in emergency humanitarian contexts.
  o The national LRT training will be held in Erbil. It is an intensive five-day simulation training, where participants are required to set up an inter-agency logistics response.

**5. AOB**

• The Logistics Cluster will be monitor changes on import and internal access procedures that may arise following the upcoming elections on 12 May 2018.

• Georgia Farley’s mission to Iraq has ended. Her duties have been taken over by Gabriela Espana, her contact details are at the bottom of these minutes.

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