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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

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ACTION POINTS:

- The Logistics Cluster to share the latest Access Constraints map.
- The Logistics Cluster to share the CCCM camp consolidation plans.
- The Logistics Cluster to share a letter officially blacklisting three suppliers.
- The Logistics Cluster to share DRC’s price checking results.
- Organisations with information on IT framework agreements are encouraged to get in touch with the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster will follow up with relevant focal points to gain clarity on the INTERTEK requirements in countries of origin.

AGENDA:

1. Previous Action Points
2. Situation and Humanitarian Updates
3. Access and Logistics Constraints
4. Logistics Cluster Activities
5. Humanitarian Response Plan 2018
6. Suppliers Online Database
7. AOB

1. Previous Action Points

- The Logistics Cluster shared the new location of the office issuing the exemption letter for those organisations operating in Ninewa but that are not registered in Federal Iraq (the information can be requested again from georgia.farley@wfp.org).
- The Logistics Cluster continued to follow up with the Joint Crisis Coordination (JCC) centre to gain clarity on the clearance and approval processes from Dahuk. Delays are still being faced and organisations are encouraged to liaise directly with the JCC in Erbil when possible.
- The Logistics Cluster shared contact details to provide inputs for the vehicle market assessment in Mosul/Ninewa. Any interested organisation can contact ACTED directly.

2. Situation and Humanitarian Updates

- On 18 November full control of Rawa City was reported. Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), food and health assistance is ongoing in the retaken areas.

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• Considering security operations in the surroundings of Rawa, including the Syrian border, organisations are recommended to conduct *deconfliction* when operating in the area, especially around Al Qaim and north of Rawa.

• The office for the reception and relocation of IDPs in Ana has closed and moved to the Hajjaj area, south of Baiji in Salah al-Din. OCHA/CMCOORD to follow up on the setup and needs in the new possible reception site in Hajjaj and give feedback to organisations.

### 3. Access and Logistics Constraints

#### Access

• The Ibrahim Khalil border is currently functioning normally under Kurdish Special Forces (KSP), with presence of Iraqi border guards, with no changes in processes (updated [LCA](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/irq14a)).

• The entry point from Fishkhabour (Syria) is open, and remains in Kurdish territory/control, with presence of Iraqi border guards, with no changes in processes.

• The Bashmakh border crossing into the KRI from Iran has reopened and working normally. Parwez Khan and Haj Omran (updated [LCA](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/irq14a)) are still closed.

• The Munthyra (Diyala), Al Sheeb (Misan) and Safwan (Basra) border crossings are open. The Trebil/Tarbil crossing point with Jordan is reportedly open but unclear processes are in place and delays have been reported.

• Access between the KRI and Iraq: Khazer checkpoint remains open and only operating during daytime, updates are shared through the Logistics Cluster Skype group on a daily basis. There are still reports of the Khazer checkpoint sporadically checking staff for Iraqi visas; a Baghdad NGO registration letter is sometimes accepted in lieu of the visa.

• The access letters provided from Hamam al ‘Alil now include Ninewa and Anbar stamps.

• Organisations continue to face issues accessing the Zummar, Rabea and Sinjar areas from Dahuk as the road is blocked after the Sahela checkpoint; partners are advised to take the route via east Mosul/Mosul Dam/Sahlej with indication of the route specifically mentioned in the access request. Details of alternative routes and GPS coordinates can be requested from the Logistics Cluster.

• The Logistics Cluster has produced a simple Access Constraints map, highlighting the closed routes and their alternatives. It will be shared with the mailing list for internal reference.

• The Logistics Cluster is working on an interactive online map outlining key access elements: bridges, border crossing points and checkpoints. The idea would be to regularly update it with any information on impassable bridges, closed checkpoints, etc., also incorporating partner inputs.
• One organisation bringing in water purification units through the Ibrahim Khalil border crossing faced a three-day delay due to it being an item not brought through before; in this case, the authorities need to ascertain a specific market value for the item.

Assessment Mission – 20-22 November, Western Anbar

• The Logistics Cluster took part in an inter-agency mission to Al Qaim in western Anbar. The logistics findings have been shared with the mailing list and are summarised below.
• Access to western Anbar is not problematic, via Haditha and Ana, and on to Al Qaim. The road is in good condition and accessible to trucks. An access letter and JCMC approval are needed for this area.
• Some bridges in/around Ru’ua and Al Qaim are reportedly damaged; alternative routes through dry river beds could become inaccessible due to flooding.
• The Al Qaim – Husayba border crossing to Syria and a previously strong market are closed for the foreseeable future.
• The main gaps identified include power supply, water, and fuel.
• There are currently limited local logistics capacities in Al Qaim. Serviceable solid structure warehouses of various capacities were visited but owners are difficult to identify; further details can be requested from the Logistics Cluster. There remains a risk of IEDs in certain areas.

4. Logistics Cluster Activities

• Between 17 October 2016 and 17 November 2017, a total of 72,212 m³ of humanitarian cargo, equivalent to 18,160 mt, has been received for storage, and 7,331 m³ (1,689 mt) transported on behalf of 48 humanitarian organisations across the different Logistics Cluster hubs. Currently 1,861 mt/11,638 m³ of relief commodities are being stored on behalf of 27 partners.
• The Logistics Cluster can coordinate access to 24 MSUs in stock (in Baghdad, Dahuk and Erbil) available for loan and specific partner needs.
• The Logistics Cluster has circulated the following documents/assessments: Um Qasr port mission findings (2 Nov.), Revised Concept of Operations (7 Nov.), Baghdad International Airport Importation Guidance (8 Nov.), Al Qaim mission report (23 Nov.), and a Guidance Note on Importation into the KRI via Turkey (26 Nov.). The Um Qasr LCA update and Tarbil/Trebil border crossing reports will be circulated soon.
• Common storage, facilitated by the Logistics Cluster is currently available in the following locations:
  - Bardarash: 1,200 m²
  - Dahuk: 2,760 m²
  - Debaga camp: 240 m²
  - Erbil: 5,400 m²
  - Baghdad: 2,000 m²
  - Hajj Ali camp: 640 m²
  - Hamam al ‘Alil – MODM: 1,040 m²
  - Hamam al ‘Alil - UNHCR: 2,080 m²

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- Gogali: 1,200 m²
- Hasansham camp: 240 m²
- Khazer camp: 920 m²
- Zummar: 480 m²
- Qayyarah Airstrip camp: 1,280 m²
- Qayyarah Jad’ah camp: 320 m²
- Salamiyah – UNHCR: 960 m²
- Tikrit: 3,400 m²

5. Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2018

- People in Need (PIN): In 2018, new displacement is likely, although on a far smaller scale, caused by asymmetric attacks and tensions in disputed and unstable areas. Partners estimate that 8.7 million people will require some form of humanitarian assistance.

- People targeted in the HRP: Humanitarian partners will try to reach 3.5 million people among high priority groups:
  - 1.5 million displaced people in camps, temporary, formal and informal settlements
  - 350,000 vulnerable people who need assistance to return home
  - 1.25 million highly vulnerable people not adequately covered by social protection systems
  - 400,000 people who are newly displaced or face secondary displacement
  - Additional protection-specific targeted population

- The Logistics Cluster 2018 Operational Plan aligns with the humanitarian strategy and priorities, and focuses on: coordination and information management, customs and access support, common warehouse services, and capacity building activities.

- As requested by one organisation, the CCCM camp consolidation plans will be shared when finalised.

6. Suppliers Online Database

- ACTED presented its suppliers database (ASSIST) to the organisations present. It mostly covers suppliers in the KRI for now, but is expanding for Mosul and Baghdad.

- Suppliers were invited to register themselves through an open application process, and were then cross checked by ACTED staff. There are 200 suppliers registered so far.

- The objective is to build an item catalogue which includes feedback from partners, past histories, red flags, etc. A high turnover of staff often makes it difficult for organisations to track supplier performance.

- It was suggested that bank account/payment details be included in the registration process, as payment method is a common issue in this area.

- While suppliers have the option to include a certificate of the previous year’s tax clearance, it was suggested to make this mandatory. Without this document, any items bought from this supplier will not be issued access approvals.

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For now, the database is only accessible to ACTED staff, however, they are happy to extract and share the information.

Another common problem is that one person/supplier is sometimes registered multiple times. Organisations are welcome to share concerns on specific suppliers through the coordination meetings and through the Skype group.

7. AOB

- The Department of Foreign Relations recently issued a letter officially blacklisting three suppliers. The Logistics Cluster will share this document with the mailing list.
- The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has completed two price checking activities in Baghdad and Erbil; the Logistics Cluster will share the results with the mailing list, for the internal reference of other organisations.
- One organisation is having issues renting cars and purchasing fuel in Mosul. It seems there are very few rental vehicles available in the area and then when attempting to purchase fuel through a framework agreement, they were told they need a letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources allocating a specific supplier. No other organisation has experienced the same issue and any additional information and clarification will be circulated.
- One organisation is facing issues establishing an IT framework agreement, regarding the need for a supplier to also be a certified dealer of a certain brand. Organisations with information on this topic are encouraged to get in touch with the Logistics Cluster.
- A participant requested information on available suppliers/transporters that can cover the cross-bordering operation from the KRI to north-east Syria directly. One organisation reported that it is in a trial stage with a supplier and will feed back on the results and any challenges faced.
- One organisation is facing issues obtaining INTERTEK approvals in the country of origin. The Logistics Cluster will follow up with relevant focal points to gain clarity on this issue.
- A participant flagged that when applying for movement clearance with the JCC, the Certificate of Origin was requested even for items procured locally. Organisations are encouraged to obtain these documentations from their local suppliers.
- The following documents and assessment reports are newly available:
  - September Factsheet: Joint Price Monitoring Initiative – REACH
  - Anbar Implementing Partners Mapping – OCHA, 14 November
  - Humanitarian Response and Coordination; Earthquake Aftermath, 14 November – KRG/JCC
  - Winterization Strategy (DRAFT) – OCHA, 22 November
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To request a copy of any of these reports, please contact georgia.farley@wfp.org.

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