LOCATION: Erbil, Iraq  
DATE: 22 January 2018  
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator  
PARTICIPANTS: Blumont, COOPI, French Red Cross (FRC), Handicap International (HI), Help – e.V., International Rescue Committee (IRC), Medair, Medecins du Monde (MDM), Médecins Sans Frontières – France (MSF-F), Mine Action Group (MAG), Mission East, Office of US Foreign Disaster Relief (OFDA/USAID), Representative of Nineveh Voluntary for IDPs (RNVDO), Secours Islamique France (SIF), Tearfund, World Health Organisation (WHO).  

ACTION POINTS:  
• The Logistics Cluster to look into accessibility of the road between Erbil and Kirkuk via Makhmor and Dibis and share any findings with organisations.  
• Any organisations with information on establishing an office in Kirkuk or Baghdad are encouraged to get in touch with the Logistics Cluster.  
• Organisations with any helpful information on procuring 4x4 ambulances are encouraged to get in touch with the Logistics Cluster.  
• The Logistics Cluster to set aside 30 minutes after each Erbil coordination meeting for partners to have a roundtable discussion on procurement issues.  

AGENDA:  
1. Humanitarian and operational updates  
2. Roundtable discussion on response and logistics constraints/bottlenecks  
3. Logistics Cluster updates and common services  
4. AOB  

1. Humanitarian and Operational Updates  
• The office issuing the Ninewa access letter has been moved to east Mosul. The new address and contact details can be requested from the cluster. The five-truck restriction attached to this letter is still being discussed. Some organisations are being allowed to request multiple letters at once.  
• The Fourth Bridge in Mosul has been opened to both pedestrians and vehicles, as of 18 January. It is running both directions and has a 25 mt load capacity.  
• Another temporary bridge is also being brought in by the military. It will likely be placed slightly north of Mosul city and will run both directions. Further details are yet to be confirmed.  
• After a week of increased military operations in and around Hawija, humanitarians are returning to the area.  

3. Roundtable Discussion on Response and Logistics Constraints/Bottlenecks  
Access  
• Since the last meeting, two further border crossings between the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) and Iran have opened (Hajj Omran and Parwez Khan). All other border crossings remain the same.  
• Discussions between the KRI and federal Iraq seem to be progressing. There are hopes that the KRI airports will open around the end of the month, but no details have yet been confirmed.
• The Logistics Cluster were today on mission with OCHA to assess the closed Al Rabia border crossing with Syria. High level discussions are ongoing to open this crossing, under UNSCR 2165.

• A few checkpoints/areas are sporadically asking humanitarians for further access letters, specifically from their division/command. If any organisations face this, they are highly recommended to get in touch with OCHA CMCoord immediately (duty phone: 0751 135 2884).

• Access between KRI and Iraq: Khazer checkpoint remains open; Sahela checkpoint is open but only for accessing KRI areas; Nawaran, Makhmur, Mahmudiya and Ahmad Agha checkpoints remain closed.

• The Logistics Cluster continues to update the interactive access map, based on partner feedback and field missions. A request for the link or any feedback can be sent to Georgia.farley@wfp.org.

• WFP sent a trial shipment (50mt of rice) through the Trebil border with Jordan. Gaining a blanket approval for items in the pipeline took 4 – 5 weeks, and they faced a further two days’ delay at the border, as further documentation was requested. The consignment made it in tact to Baghdad on 6 January, however the process as it currently stands is not recommended as the most viable import route for humanitarian cargo.

**Importations to Baghdad**

• The Logistics Cluster is finalizing the secondment of an international staff for six months to develop a project for enhancing customs clearance into federal Iraq, using both the Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) and Umm Qasr seaport. Activities and outcomes will be to:
  - Clarify existing processes for import of humanitarian cargo; review and identify shortfalls and bottlenecks.
  - Work with the relevant government departments to streamline processes, document and share with humanitarian partners.
  - Establish and implement systems by working with and training government focal points, and humanitarian partner logistics staff.
  - Develop link between humanitarian agencies through the facilitation of processes and sharing of information through Logistics Cluster coordination meetings.

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

• Between 17 October 2016 and 21 January 2018, a total of 84,678 m³ of humanitarian cargo, equivalent to 22,538 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.
• There has been a number of changes to the Logistics Cluster team over the new year period. Service Provision (submitting SRFs and RLOs, warehouse oversight, etc.) will be taken over by Andrii Shapkin from next week; he will be based in Erbil. All forms are still to be sent to iraq.clustercargo@wfp.org. For contact details for all cluster staff, kindly refer to the webpage: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/irq14a.

• A new Concept of Operations document has been published and is available here: http://www.logcluster.org/document/iraq-concept-operations-10-january-2018.

• The Logistics Cluster has completed the exit process from the majority of the in-camp common storage facilities.

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

7. AOB

• One organisation requested further details on the road between Erbil and Kirkuk via Makhmor and Dibis. The Logistics Cluster will look into this issue and share any findings with partners.

• The Kirkuk Governor has introduced a rule that any agency operating in Kirkuk must now have an established office in the city. One organisation is requesting additional information and guidance on how to set up an office; any partners that could assist are requested to contact Cameron.kiss@wfp.org.

• Medecins Sans Frontieres – France is looking to procure 4x4 ambulances. Organisations with any helpful information are encouraged to get in touch.

• One organisation has completed the federal registration process and are now seeking information from other partners to set up offices and accommodation in Baghdad.

• Save the Children will be moving offices in a few weeks; the new location for Logistics Cluster coordination meetings will be confirmed in the next invitation.

• Based on requests from multiple partners, the Logistics Cluster will set aside 30 minutes after each Erbil coordination meeting for partners to have a roundtable discussion on procurement issues. Organisations are encouraged to bring their supplier lists to the next meeting in February.

http://www.logcluster.org/ops/irq14a
The following documents and assessment reports are recently available:

- Crisis Information Report: Al Alam1 & 3 IDP Camps - Protection Cluster, 28-Dec-17
- JCC Aftermath of the Earthquake Report (December) – JCC, 28-Dec-17
- Western Anbar: Rapid Field Assessment – Almortaqa, 26-Dec-17
- Protection Needs Assessment: Al Mujammat (18 Dec.) - Human Appeal, 21-Dec-17
- Protection Needs Assessment: Tilol Al Bajj (18 Dec.) - Human Appeal, 21-Dec-17
- Road Security Assessment (Dibagah, Qaraj, Makhmur, Qayyara) (11 Dec.) – COOPI, 18-Dec-17
- Mosul and Tel Afar Context Analysis (Dec. 2017) - Rise Foundation, 17-Dec-17
- Priority Winter Needs and Gaps (Dec. 2017) - Shelter Cluster, 13-Dec-17
- Integrated Location Assessment II – IOM, 10-Dec-17
- RPA Crisis Information Report: Karamba IDP Camp, Tikrit (29 Nov.) - Protection Cluster, 06-Dec-17

To request a copy of any of these reports, please contact georgia.farley@wfp.org.

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