LOCATION: Erbil, Iraq
DATE: 20 June 2018
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: ACF, ACTED, Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF), CAOFISR, French Red Cross (FRC), Human Appeal, International Medical Corps (IMC), Intersos, Mine Action Group (MAG), Medair, Medecins du Monde (MDM), Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF-France, MSF-Holland), Save the Children International (SCI), Terres des Hommes (TdH), The United Iraqi Medical Society (UIMS), UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO
ACTION POINTS:
• Logistics Cluster to share WFP recent experience importing food commodities from Jordan via Trebil border crossing.
• Logistics Cluster to inform partners in case of Ibrahim Khalil closure during Turkey elections.
• Logistics Cluster to meet with Mosul local government to raise the issues of suppliers.

AGENDA:
1. Previous Action Points
2. Humanitarian and operational updates
3. Logistics Cluster updates and common services
4. AOB

1. Previous Action Points

• The Logistics Cluster to check with JCC on the reasons for the delay on medical cargo clearance procedures that some organisations have been experiencing.
• No major issues are reported from participants.

2. Humanitarian and Operational Updates

• The Chair briefed on the status of main entry points; no changes are reported, with northern border crossings (Ibrahim Khalil, Fishkabour, Siri Zari, Haji Omeran, Bashmaq, Parwez Khan, Munthrya-Khosravi) operating as normal. Rabia remains open to UN agencies only, under Federal Iraq control. It is considered unlikely that the Turkey/Iraq border will be closed during the upcoming elections in Turkey. The Logistics Cluster will confirm and inform partners accordingly.
• Trebil entry point between Iraq and Jordan has been used for humanitarian operations; WFP import of food commodities has been successful, however several minor delays dealing with Federal Iraq authorities at various levels have been experienced. The Logistics Cluster will summarise the process and constraints in a note and share it with partners.
• In terms of access, both Suhaila, to access Zummar and Rabia from KRI/Dahuk, and Nawran, to access Mosul via Talkif/Bashiqa, remain closed.
• Reports indicate that the Erbil-Kirkuk road via Altun Kupri bridge will reopen as soon as rehabilitation works are concluded, in one month approximately.
• An online access constraints map is maintained and updated by the Logistics Cluster and is available here. Feedback from partners on the ground are welcome.
• The Chair also reminded participants that access letters for Ninewa that were issued by LTG Bassim office are now to be addressed to JCMC Baghdad. The Logistics Cluster shared the guidance note and template via the mailing list. The note will be re-circulated on the Skype group.

• One participant intends to import medical items via Ibrahim Khalil to central Iraq and asked clarification on the transit and clearance procedure. As there is not yet an official guideline for the transit procedure, the organisation needs to follow requirements to import medicines into Federal Iraq, including Certificate of Conformity, Certificate of Origin, and approval from Ministry of Health in Baghdad. The quality control requirements are the same for KRI and Federal Iraq.

• Several organisations continue to experience difficulties and delays with the import process. The Logistics Cluster has produced and shared the SOPs for import via KRI and into Federal Iraq. Further information for specific details can be obtained from farhad.rasul@wfp.org (Erbil), or khalid.arabi@wfp.org (Baghdad).

• One organisation raised the issue of identifying registered suppliers in Mosul, and to a lesser extent, in Salamiyah. It is a due diligence requirement from the donors to use registered suppliers, however not many suppliers are registering due to the tax regime. Moreover, local governments have not shared the contact list of registered suppliers as yet. One common concern is good quality fuel in Mosul area.

• Save the Children suggested to draft a joint statement which can be used in individual donor reports, highlighting the constraints in contracting registered suppliers, and explaining why organisations are obliged to work with unregistered suppliers to move forward with their activities in Mosul. The Logistics Cluster is willing to approach Mosul local government, once settled in after the recent elections, to advocate on this issue. It is however recommended to conduct additional due diligence to ensure reasonable services and process from the unregistered companies.

• ACTED is in the process of preparing a NFI suppliers list, and will share when completed. In addition, ACF Mosul market survey is ongoing and will be finalized and circulated by mid-July. Inputs and questions can be addressed to: hodlog@iq-actionagainsthunger.org

3. Logistics Cluster updates and common service

• The Logistics Cluster extended the One Stop Shop agreement until 30 September. It seems impossible to further extend the project beyond this date and the Logistics Cluster is looking at alternatives and a suitable exit strategy. The latest infographic covering up to April 2018 has been published online and shows that the level of requests submitted remain persistent over the last months.

• Mosul warehouses and bridges assessments recently conducted have been circulated through the mailing list; to request a copy please contact gabriela.espana@wfp.org.

• A West Mosul warehouse needs assessment form that was shared among partners has not identified significant gaps or need for the Logistics Cluster to set up a common storage at present. Organisations are encouraged to raise any storage issue or gap for the Logistics Cluster to look at viable options.
Currently six common storage warehouses are made available to humanitarian organisations, for a total of 14,360 m² of storage space. Both Hamam al ‘Alil and Tikrit facilities have been extended in light of the continuing demand. The Dahuk warehouse will remain but with a smaller capacity starting from July, in line with current needs and requests. Changes in capacity are reflected in the Concept of Operations map, available on the Logistics Cluster website.

- 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 revised Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations document, based on current situation and needs, has been shared with partners. Participants discussed the document, including the constraints highlighted and activities planned, and endorsed it.

The Logistics Cluster, in coordination with OCHA/ICCG and in line with 2019 HRP, will be looking at potential scale down towards the end of 2018 – beginning of 2019. In this regard, a user feedback survey will be circulated to seek feedback from all partners.

4. AOB

- The ELIT - Emergency Logistics Induction Training will be held in Baghdad from 24 – 28 June; Participants list has been finalised, with mostly Government counterparts attending (MODM, MoTrade, JCMC, NOC, MoPlanning, General directorate of Customs, JCC).

- Any requests for information can be sent to gabriela.espana@wfp.org

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