Background
The Logistics Cluster has been active in Iraq since 2014 to support the humanitarian community in responding to the country’s growing needs. Logistics constraints, mainly caused by limited access, an unstable security situation and damaged/destroyed infrastructure in affected areas, remain a leading cause triggering the need for Logistics Cluster intervention.

Since the operation to retake Mosul began in October 2016, the Logistics Cluster has significantly scaled up activities across the country, mainly in the Ninewa governorate. The Logistics Cluster has been conducting a range of activities aimed at addressing bottlenecks and gaps to enhance the response capacity of the humanitarian community through the provision of logistics services, coordination and information management.

Highlights
- In April, the Logistics Cluster received 7,765 m³, equivalent to 1,710 mt, of humanitarian relief items, and transported 559 m³ (51 mt) on behalf of ten organizations.
- There is now 3,160 m² of common storage available across the UNHCR and MODM camps in Hamam al ‘Alil. All facilities are being managed by Mercy Hands on behalf of the Logistics Cluster.
- On 11 April, an additional 15 ambulances were airlifted to Erbil on behalf of WHO and in support of the Health Cluster. As with the first 15 vehicles airlifted in March, this second allotment was distributed to humanitarian organizations operating on and around the front line in Mosul.
- The logistics hub (480 m²) in Zummar is up and running; it is already near full capacity so the Logistics Cluster is monitoring the situation in case of a need to further scale up in this area.
- The Logistics Cluster is finalizing agreements with NGO partners to establish common storage in Nargizia 1 and New Zelikan camps, north of Mosul city, and in Salamiyah camp, on the southern front. Discussion with humanitarian actors continued to ascertain needs at new transit and screening sites where MSUs may be dispatched to support the rapid response mechanism (RRM).
- In April, Technisches Hilfswerk (THW) and the Joint Crisis Coordination (JCC) Centre teams spent a week at the Logistics Cluster warehouse in Erbil where cluster staff assisted in logistics training through leading practical sessions on such topics as warehouse layout planning, stacking procedures, storage and inventory management, key documentation, and working with GPS systems.

Coordination & Information Management
- Logistics Cluster coordination meetings were regularly held in Baghdad, Dahuk and Erbil to discuss logistics bottlenecks, share information and develop common solutions for an improved humanitarian response.
- On 2 April, the Logistics Cluster upgraded the customer service tool that organizations use to request and track common logistics services. The upgraded application is easier to use and is accessible from mobile devices. All of the updated instructions and forms are available under Forms and Guidance on the webpage.
- The Logistics Cluster updated the Concept of Operations narrative (available here) and the corresponding map (available here).
- A new blog post highlighting the recent logistics training with THW and the JCC has been published.

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