

Background

During 2018 the Logistics Cluster has continued to provide support to humanitarian organisations operating across Iraq, including Ninewa, Salah al Din and Anbar governorates, as well as increasing humanitarian access activities. Humanitarian access is one of the key issues affecting the humanitarian supply chain in-country. The cluster has been working to clarify import and clearance procedures for different entry points and routes, and engaging in capacity building initiatives mainly for government and national actors. Moreover, the cluster has also continued to enhance the response capacity of the humanitarian community through the provision of coordination, information management and access to logistics services.

Highlights

- From January to June 2018, the Logistics Cluster received **6,079** mt, equivalent to **21,747 m³**, of humanitarian relief items for storage on behalf of **14** organisations. During the same period, the Logistics Cluster provided up to **13,980 m² of common storage** space in **six locations in key operational areas** for the humanitarian community in Iraq. As of end of June 2018, a total of 23 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) were on loan to 10 different actors, including government bodies.
- The Logistics Cluster held the first **Emergency Logistics Induction Training (ELIT)** in Baghdad, from 24-28 June. 27 participants from a wide variety of organisations and government institutions, including Federal Government and Kurdish Region of Iraq, attended the 4-day course that outlined common bottlenecks, best practices and operational planning in emergency humanitarian contexts. **Follow up points** will be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster in coordination with partners. This includes the drafting of an Emergency Preparedness Concept of Operations and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for national emergency logistics response coordination in-country, the establishment of a One Stop Shop (OSS) at main entry points, and prepositioning of strategic assets.



Emergency Logistic Induction Training, Baghdad

Coordination & Information Management

- **13 coordination meetings were held in Baghdad, Dahuk and Erbil** to discuss logistics bottlenecks, share information and develop common solutions for an improved humanitarian response. Representatives from government ministries, customs, cargo inspection companies, amongst others, attended meetings to answer partner enquiries.
- Since January 2018, the Logistics Cluster conducted **two bridge and three warehouse assessments** in Mosul, as well as **one border assessment** at Al-Rabia border-crossing, while continuing to assess logistics and access constraints.
- From January to May, the One Stop Shop (OSS) processed **317 clearance requests**, representing 4,769 mt (USD 397,683,083) of humanitarian cargo. A [snapshot](#) has been published highlighting the **achievements of the OSS** for customs clearance throughout the past year of operation.
- Four SOPs on access and customs procedures have been produced and shared with partners to enhance processes and reduce delays.

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