IRAQ
Operation Overview
July 2017

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 July, the Logistics Cluster received 2,791 m³, equivalent to 836 mt, of humanitarian relief items, and facilitated the transport of 20 m³ (7 mt) on behalf of twelve organisations. As of 31 July, the Logistics Cluster was facilitating the provision of 25,540 m³ of common storage space in 17 locations in key operational areas for the use of humanitarian actors in Iraq.
- The Logistics Cluster participated in an inter-cluster assessment to West Mosul. Areas visited included the screening point at Ninewa hotel/floating bridge, Aruba screening site, and Scorpion Junction. No logistics needs/gaps were identified at this time.
- On 13 July, the Logistics Cluster took part in an inter-cluster mission to Habbaniya Tourist City (HTC) to discuss key gaps and issues in the HTC and Kilo 18 camps in Anbar. The cluster is working with the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MOMD) to explore potential common storage solutions for humanitarian organisations active in the area.
- In anticipation of an expected increase in operations in the Anbar region, the Logistics Cluster has prepositioned three mobile storage units (MSUs) in Baghdad. These are available to establish common storage or for loan to individual organisations.
- In response to the implementing partner’s request, the Logistics Cluster began scaling up the common storage facilities in the Khazer camps. The ground has been levelled, the site assessed, and the erection of a further two MSUs will commence shortly.
- A third Warehouse and Commodity Management training was held, this time in Erbil. 101 participants from 44 organisations have been trained so far this year. Due to the high demand, other sessions of the same training are being organised for the following months.

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.
- The Logistics Cluster held an ad hoc coordination meeting in Sulimaniyah on 23 July to discuss any logistics gaps or constraints in the area.

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