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. The cluster has now extended activities to cover the responses in Telafar, Hawiga and West Anbar.

Highlights

- In September, the Logistics Cluster received 6,155 m³, equivalent to 2,740 mt, of humanitarian relief items on behalf of twelve organisations. As of 30 September, the Logistics Cluster is facilitating 26,100 m² of common storage space in 18 locations in key operational areas for the use of humanitarian actors in Iraq.
- In response to a cooperating partner’s request, the Logistics Cluster established a common storage facility (240 m²) in Hasansham Camp, being managed by a local cooperating partner.
- The Logistics Cluster has been working with a cooperating partner to augment the storage capacity of the six Qayyarah Jad’ah camps (housing more than 90,000 displaced people) through common storage provision, staff training and the loaning of MSUs.
- Two MSUs were delivered to Al Alam to support an organisation working in the camp. The Logistics Cluster also has MSUs in stock that can be loaned out to organisations with specific storage needs; the cluster provides the transportation and erection of the structure, while the organisation is responsible for preparing the land.
- The Logistics Cluster prepositioned a further five mobile storage units (MSUs) and 2,000 plastic pallets in Baghdad as a preparedness measure leading up to the Kurdish referendum.
- The cluster also continued to compile details of all international border crossing points into both the KRI and federal Iraq. The team worked closely with OCHA, the Civil Military Coordination unit, government counterparts and key logistics organisations to provide accurate and up-to-date access information leading up to and during the referendum.

Coordination & Information Management

- Logistics Cluster coordination meetings were held in Dahuk and Erbil to discuss logistics bottlenecks, share information and develop common solutions for an improved humanitarian response.
- The Logistics Cluster published an updated Concept of Operations map on the Iraq dedicated webpage.
- The Logistics Cluster published a snapshot outlining the outcomes and achievements of the first eight months the One Stop Shop (OSS) for customs clearance in the KRI. The OSS has processed more than 700 clearance requests so far, representing US$ 117 million and 6,700 mt of food, non-food items and medical supplies for the ongoing responses in the KRI and throughout Iraq.

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