Iraq

Operations Overview as of 31 December 2014

Following the surge in violence between armed groups and government forces in Iraq, which has displaced over 2.1 million people, and left 5.2 million people in need of humanitarian assistance since January 2014 (source Strategic Response Plan (SRP) 2014-2015), the WFP led Logistics Cluster was activated by the Humanitarian Coordinator on 03 April 2014. Special Operation 200746 commenced 01 July 2014 for an initial six month period. The main logistics objectives of this operation were to:

- Ensure uninterrupted delivery of emergency relief items to the affected populations through the augmentation of WFP’s transport and storage, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster and;
- Support an effective humanitarian logistics response by providing logistics coordination and information management services to the humanitarian community.

In September 2014 in line with the SRP and feedback from partners from Needs Assessment, humanitarian organisations requested an initial surge in logistics support to enable a scale up of organisational capacity. Additionally, with the changing security context, contingency plans to ensure delivery of relief goods were needed to provide continuity of services in the event of an emergency or interruption of regular supply corridors. A revision was completed for a three month period to include additional activities:

- Emergency storage in strategic locations, consolidation and transport of humanitarian cargo (via road), customs clearance and ground handling support (at Erbil International Airport), and emergency airlift capacity to reach locations otherwise inaccessible due to security restrictions.

Temporary Storage and Transport Services

Temporary storage facilities were provided in strategic locations to allow for organisations to increase their logistics capacity. Current storage is available in Dahuk and Erbil with WFP Logistics able to provide emergency storage in Basra, Sulaymaniyah and Baghdad on request. The Logistics Cluster also provides a complimentary loan of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to partners, as needed and for a limited time, utilizing the MSU stock available. Emergency transport services were made available to partners, however, there has not been an ongoing need identified due to the availability of commercial trucking. Emergency transport is currently a contingency for a deteriorating security situation; the Logistics Cluster will utilize the existing commercial contractor capacity of WFP and provide transportation services to partners for a limited period of time if required.

- 453m³ transported
- 1840m² available in Dohuk
- 450m² available in Erbil
- 1 MSU on loan
- Total received items = 438.95MT/3099m³ (1 August – 31 December 2014)
- Total released items = 431.544MT/3072.85m³ (1 August to 31 December 2014)
- Total in storage = 7.5MT

Storage in Dahuk

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**UBD Flights**
Cargo Clearance Services and handling costs for in-kind donations (UBD flights) were provided by the Logistics Cluster from 16 August to 5 September. Donations were received from European donors to assist with the Sinjar emergency response. Storage and dispatch of these items was facilitated through the Logistics Cluster warehouse in Erbil.

- 22 flights
- 507MT

**Strategic Airlifts**
The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, maintained a contingency airlift capacity measure should there be a temporary disruption of normal traffic through overland road corridors or the need to assist for emergency winterisation programs with life-saving items. This was activated in December with the arrival of winterisation items and mobile health clinics.

- 2 flights (partners IOM and WHO)
- 8 Mobile Health Clinics
- 1000 family tents, 26,150 jerry cans and 18,000 blankets

**Airport Security Pre-Advice**
In September 2014 the ASMT requested the Logistics Cluster to provide airport security clearances to UN agencies. This service continues and since 28 September 2014 the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the following:

- 23 flights (UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM)
- 756.09MT of consignments

**Coordination and Information Management**
The Logistics Cluster has an established coordination cell in Erbil with a dedicated Logistics Cluster Coordinator and Information Management Officer and a Logistics Officer in Dahuk. The Logistics Cluster has supported the humanitarian logistics response by providing logistics coordination and information management services to the humanitarian community. Mapping products have been produced in coordination with the WFP GIS Officer.

- 25 Coordination Meetings
- 8 Information Products
- 8 maps
- 60 partners

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