Operational Updates

- Between 17 October and 26 February, a total of 35,492 m³ of NFIs, equivalent to 7,227 mt, has been handled on behalf of 30 humanitarian organisations across the different hubs.
- The military operation to retake west Mosul began on 19 February. Discussions are ongoing among actors on how to ensure rapid humanitarian response and adequate prepositioning of stocks as the frontline moves. Humanitarian organisations are requested to communicate on any key operational areas that are experiencing logistics gaps and would require support and services from the Logistics Cluster.
- New guidance on access procedures for NGOs through Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) controlled areas of Ninewa has been circulated by the OCHA Civil-Military Coordination unit. This guidance has been shared with the Logistics Cluster mailing list and is also available on request. To enter and exit areas under the Kurdistan Regional Government’s control, organisations will need to continue using the existing procedures and request access through the Joint Crisis Coordination (JCC) centre.

Common Storage and Logistics Cluster Updates

- An initial common storage capacity of 560 m² is available in Hamam al ‘Alil camp for the use of humanitarian organisations working both within the camp and in the retaken areas west and south of Mosul. Possibilities of scaling up the storage capacity in line with the camp expansion are being explored.
- The Logistics Cluster has secured a warehouse (2,100 m²) in Gogjali to serve operations in east Mosul. The common storage facility will be operational in the following days and available to all humanitarian organisations in need.
- Organisations are asked to share their projected storage needs for both Gogjali and Hamam al ‘Alil in order to anticipate any gaps and to quickly upscale where needed.
- The Logistics Cluster has finalized an agreement with a local NGO and will install three Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) in Khazer and Debaga camps this week. This will make available a further 800 m² of storage capacity for the humanitarian community operating in the area.
- Additional common storage will become available in the coming days in Zummar (480 m²) to facilitate humanitarian operations across Zone North, including the Telafar area.
- The Logistics Cluster is expanding the current storage capacity in Tikrit, due to an increase in the volume of service requests, bringing the total space available to 3,100 m².
- The Logistics Cluster has facilitated the transport of an additional 2,700 family tents in Qayyarah, in collaboration with IOM and the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD); this brings the total so far transported to 7,600, enough to house over 45,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).
- All necessary arrangements to organize an emergency airlift of 15 ambulances in support of WHO and health organisations operating in the Ninewa governorate and around Mosul are being finalized.
- The Logistics Cluster is looking at possible training activities that can support the capacity building efforts of both national and international organisations.
- The Logistics Cluster User Feedback survey results have been analyzed and presented at coordination meetings. The overall feedback was very positive. Key recommendations to improve the relevance and
effectiveness of the cluster include: the inclusion of more Kurdish and/or Arabic in meetings; more focus on southern and central regions, and out-of-camp areas; more facilitation in regards to access; and increased capacity building and trainings. The Logistics Cluster is already taking steps to implement these recommendations, such as providing the translation of meeting minutes into Arabic for Baghdad and Kurdish for Erbil and Dahuk.

- A new infographic highlighting the operations of the second half of 2016 has been shared: http://www.logcluster.org/document/iraq-operation-overview-infographic-july-december-2016.
- All reference documents, including past meeting minutes, the Concept of Operations, maps and access procedures are available online at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/irq14a.

One Stop Shop – KRI

- The One Stop Shop (OSS) has now processed over 100 customs clearance requests.
- Direct liaison functions have now been established with the Kurdish Medical Control Agency (KMCA) in order to speed up the clearance process of medical items.
- A joint OSS/Logistics Cluster workshop will be held on 7 March to present the improved OSS services, including the formalized checklist and registration process, and to allow participants to discuss any bottlenecks and best practises.

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