Operational Updates

- Between 17 October and 16 March, a total of 42,144 m$^3$ of humanitarian cargo, equivalent to 8,432 mt, has been handled on behalf of 33 humanitarian organisations across the different Logistics Cluster hubs.

- Since the military operation to retake west Mosul began on 19 February, close to 100,000 people have fled the area. Many displacement camps are full and basic resources are severely stretched. 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.

Common Storage

- The common storage facilities in Hamam al ‘Alil have been expanded in an effort to meet increasing needs from humanitarian organisations operating in the area. Four Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) are set up in the Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MODM) site, providing 1,020 m$^2$ of space. Another three MSUs have now been erected in the UNHCR site, providing a further 880 m$^2$ for humanitarian storage.

- The warehouse in Gogjali (2,100 m$^2$) is now accepting humanitarian consignments for organisations responding in east Mosul.

- Organisations are asked to continue sharing 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 erected two MSUs (480 m$^2$) in the Debaga camps and a local NGO partner is on site managing the facilities. Logistics Cluster staff conducted a site visit on 12 March and met with the management team.

- An additional MSU will be sent to Khazer camp next week, bringing the common storage space available to responding organisations up to 640 m$^2$.

- The Logistics Cluster common storage hub in Zummar (480 m$^2$) will be operational next week. The ground work has been completed and the MSUs will be sent in the coming days, weather permitting. This hub will facilitate humanitarian operations in Zone North, including those around the Telafar area.

- The Logistics Cluster has expanded the Tikrit hub with an additional warehouse, in order to meet increasing storage demands. The extra site is already operational and the space available in Tikrit is now 3,100 m$^2$.


Logistics Cluster Updates

- The Logistics Cluster is supporting an emergency airlift of 15 ambulances on behalf of WHO and in support of the Health Cluster. The flight is expected to arrive on 20 March and the ambulances will go to support operations in and around Mosul.

- Between December 2016 and February 2017, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 8,200 family tents to displacement camps in Qayyarah; this is enough to host almost 50,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs).

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The Logistics Cluster held two warehouse and commodity management trainings in early March, for 21 local NGO staff and 4 INGO staff, in order for them to become implementing partners and manage Logistics Cluster facilities in the field.

The Logistics Cluster will be upgrading the consignment tracking system (RITA) at the end of March. This will make the application easier to use and it will be accessible from mobile devices. The new forms and guidance will be shared with Logistics Cluster participants and a short training on the new processes will be held at the next coordination meeting in Erbil (tentatively 28 March).

The Logistics Cluster conducted a road assessment from Erbil to Arbid and down to Hamam al ‘Alil. Most roads were found to be in useable condition, and a detailed map outlining physical hazards and checkpoints has been shared with the mailing list.

An updated ConOps map has been shared: http://www.logcluster.org/map/concept-operations-map-mosul-march-2017.


An updated Humanitarian Community Storage Capacity by Partner map has been produced and shared with the mailing list. Any organisations that have had changes to their storage capacity are asked to inform the Logistics Cluster in order for this document to remain up to date.

The Logistics Cluster has begun translating key products into Kurdish and/or Arabic, in order to promote inclusion of local organisations. All translations are available on the webpage.

All other 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 (OSS) for Customs Clearance

A joint OSS/Logistics Cluster workshop was held on 7 March to present the improved OSS services, including the formalized checklist and registration process. Around 50 people participated and discussed remaining bottlenecks, as well as best practices.

Preliminary findings show that while the number of incoming requests to the OSS are increasing, the time it takes to process each file is decreasing; in February the average time was just four days. In February alone, the OSS processed 49 requests, which included more the USD 62 million worth of humanitarian cargo.

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