Operational Updates

- Between 17 October and 14 May, a total of 34,835 m³ of humanitarian cargo, equivalent to 6,627 mt, has been received for storage, and 6,697 m³ (1,550 mt) transported on behalf of 34 humanitarian organisations across the 14 different Logistics Cluster hubs.

- Since the military operation to retake Mosul began on 17 October, over 500,000 people have fled the area and 370,000 remain displaced (source: http://iraqdtm.iom.int/EmergencyTracking.aspx). Current capacity in existing IDP camps and resources are stretched due to the high influx of displacement and the complexity of the operational environment.

- 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 Logistics Cluster currently provides 23,000 m² of common storage to the humanitarian community across 14 hubs throughout Iraq. As of 14 May, the Logistics Cluster was currently storing 10,029 m³ (equivalent to 1,571 mt) of relief commodities on behalf of 25 organisations. Additionally, the Logistics Cluster is currently loaning 15 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to different organisations to expand their own storage capacities in key operational areas.

- Three MSUs have been dispatched to Nargizlia 1 and New Zelikan camps to establish common storage; these will be managed by an organisation on behalf of the Logistics Cluster.

- Four MSUs (equivalent to 960 m²) have been dispatched to Salamiyah to assist in providing common storage for the UNHCR camp there. Depending on organisations’ needs, the Logistics Cluster will increase the capacity in the coming weeks.

- The Logistics Cluster has conducted site visits to the common storage facilities in Tikrit and both the UNCHR and MODM camps in Hamam al ‘Alil, to liaise with the implementing partner and ensure that operations are running smoothly.


Logistics Cluster Updates

- An additional twenty MSUs (10x24 and 10x32) have been procured and will be available for quick deployment to set up common storage or scale up capacity in key operational locations throughout the country, and also to loan to humanitarian organisations.

- The Logistics Cluster supported Technische Hilfswerk (THW) in training staff from the Joint Crisis Coordination (JCC) centre in warehouse and commodity management. Cluster staff conducted a theory based session on the UN and Cluster systems, and then spent a week in the Logistics Cluster warehouse in Erbil working through practical exercises.

- The Logistics Cluster is building a training schedule with sessions planned in Baghdad, Erbil and Dahuk. The first Warehouse and Commodity Management training will be held in Dahuk on 22 – 23 May.

- The Logistics Cluster continued to liaise closely with the OCHA Civil Military Coordination unit to monitor ongoing issues at the Muneira/Nimrod Bridge. This bridge is a key access route to the town and camps of

http://www.logcluster.org/ops/irq14a
Hamam al ‘Alil and has been intermittently closed over the past few weeks due to raised water levels and damage reported to the pontoon bridge.

- All Logistics Cluster reference documents, including past meeting minutes, maps and access procedures are available online at: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/irq14a](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/irq14a).

### One Stop Shop (OSS) for Customs Clearance

- According to new rules from the Ministry of Interior, the tax exemption procedure for humanitarian cargo in the Dahuk region will be handled through the Joint Crisis Coordination (JCC) centre in Dahuk city, instead of through the Erbil office as in the past. Requests should be submitted in hard copy, along with a Kurdish translation. Any requests that include medical supplies must also include the KMCA form and the Certificate of Analysis.

- Based on the activities in April, the processing times for files going through the OSS is down to an average of 3.5 days. Since December 2016, the OSS has processed over 340 clearance files for different humanitarian organisations and agencies.

- With an addendum to the agreement between the Joint Crisis Coordination (JCC) centre and the Logistics Cluster, the OSS services have been extended until 29 December 2017.

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