**LOCATION:** Amman

**DATE:** 22 September 2016

**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster

**PARTICIPANTS:** IOM, OCHA, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNMM, WFP

**ACTION POINTS:**
- Organisations to share their cross-border transport plans with the Logistics Cluster, OCHA and IOM, to ensure better coordination and planning.
- OCHA to share with the Logistics Cluster a draft of the addendum to the Cross-Border SOPs, in order to share it with UN agencies accordingly.
- The Logistics Cluster to circulate the Lessons Learned report once finalised.

**AGENDA:**
1. Regional access update
2. Cross-border operations (via Ramtha)
3. Inter-Agency convoys inside Syria
4. Air operations
5. AOB

### 1. Regional access update
- **Turkey**
  - Nusaybin – Qamishli crossing point continues to be inaccessible due to the ongoing security situation.
  - In light of the Cessation of Hostilities (COH) that came in effect on 12 September, normal cross-border operations through Bab al Hawa were put on hold while convoys were organised for Aleppo and the Four Towns (Madaya, Zabadani, Kefraya and Foua). Following the end of the COH, cross-border operations have resumed on 22 September, while the Aleppo and Four Towns convoys are currently on hold.
  - Bab-al-Salama (BAS) crossing point from Turkey into North-Western Syria is operational.
- **Lebanon**
  - All official crossing-points from Lebanon to Syria are operational.
- **Jordan**
  - The Cross-border operation via Ramtha is operational.
- **Syria**
  - The Syrian ports of Tartous and Latakia are fully operational.

### 2. Cross-Border Operations (via Ramtha)
- Cross-border operations are proceeding as usual however, sporadic delays in receipt of authorities’ approvals are being experienced. OCHA agreed with the government on a protocol according to which notifications and requests to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) will be submitted more in advance, to grant the authorities more time to provide approvals.
- Currently, two convoys per week are being conducted. In light of the upcoming winterisation activities, OCHA can liaise with the authorities and advocate for an additional weekly convoy, should it be needed.
Organisations have been reminded to share their cross-border transport planning with the Logistics Cluster, OCHA and IOM as soon as available.

3. Inter-Agency Convoys inside Syria

- Since August, there was a significant drop in the number of Inter-Agency convoys conducted inside Syria compared to previous months.
- Despite the attack on the convoy to Big Orem (Aleppo Governorate) that took place on 19 September, preparations for convoys to hard to reach and besieged areas are ongoing.

4. Air Operations

- Airlifts to Qamishli
  - The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is facilitating an airlift operation from Damascus to Qamishli. Around 5,900 m³ of humanitarian cargo have been delivered to Qamishli since 09 July 2016.

- Airdrops to Deir-ez-Zor
  - Over 90 MT of inter-agency cargo have been dropped to Deir-ez-Zor since 10 April 2016 by WFP. WFP Aviation reminded participants to submit SRFs to the Logistics Cluster to request for critical cargo to be dropped by WFP in Deir Ezzor.

5. AOB

- The Lessons Learned mission on the Syria Logistics Cluster operation met with several stakeholders in Amman in July. The report is being finalised and the Logistics Cluster will circulate it once ready.
- UNHCR expects to increase the number of weekly trucks participating in cross-border operations from four to six.
- All organisations were invited to share their transport plans with the Logistics Cluster, OCHA and IOM, to ensure better coordination and planning.
- OCHA is liaising with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and drafting an addendum to the Cross-Border SOPs, focusing on non-traditional items and defining deadlines for the submission of requests for special items. Once a final draft is available, OCHA will share it with the Logistics Cluster. The Logistics Cluster will share it with UN agencies.
- Participants were reminded that SOPs, maps and additional useful information can be found on the Logistics Cluster website: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/syr12a](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/syr12a)

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