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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: ACTED, CARE, IOM, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Norwegian Refugee Council, OCHA, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNMM, USAID, WFP

ACTION POINTS:

- Organisations to communicate their requests for trainings to be conducted in Jordan to the Logistics Cluster
- Logistics Cluster to circulate the Al Yaroubiyah crossing point report once cleared
- Logistics Cluster staff to verify the possibility of conducting an assessment of Tal Shahab crossing point

AGENDA:

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

1. Regional access update

Turkey

- Bab al Hawa and Bab-al-Salama crossing points from Turkey into North-Western Syria are operational.

Lebanon

- All official crossing-points from Lebanon to Syria are operational.

Jordan

- The cross-border operations via Ramtha have been suspended since 12 February due to security reasons but are expected to resume soon.
- WFP is conducting airdrops from Amman to Deir-ez-Zor. The service is available for inter-agency cargo on a cost-recovery basis.

Iraq

- Al Yaroubiyah crossing point has recently been assessed from the Syrian side. The crossing point remains closed. The assessment report will be shared once cleared.

Syria

- The Syrian ports of Tartous and Latakia are fully operational.
- The Logistics Cluster, through WFP, is facilitating an airlift operation from Damascus to Qamishli at no-cost to user for critical life-saving items.

2. Cross-Border Operations (via Ramtha)

- Despite recent increase in insecurity in southern Syria, commercial trucks are reportedly moving in the area, although road access to the west of Ramtha has been hampered by security incidents. The East Route from Ramtha to eastern Dara'a is reportedly clearer.
- IOM will discuss routes with the transporters to assess the situation.
- OCHA updated on the security situation and on the notifications process. Coordinates of the destination villages are normally communicated but organisations are invited to specify off load locations. Organisations were reminded that the deadline for the submission of convoy notifications by OCHA to government authorities is 72 hours.
- Three convoys are planned over the next few weeks from Ramtha, with the first convoy expected to crossload on 7 March and cross into Syria the day after. Should this convoy be successful, two others will follow the next week.
- In the event that Ramtha operations do not resume over the second week of March, plan B is to re-supply warehouses in southern Syria cross-line from Damascus. Organisations' Emergency Coordinators should be leading this alternative.
- Plan C is to work with higher authorities on finding a secondary crossing to use. Logistics Cluster will investigate if there is any possibility of assessing other Jordan-Syria crossing points.

3. Trainings

- The Logistics Cluster is willing to organise logistics trainings for Jordan-based staff should there be enough interest. Organisations are invited to send their requests for trainings to the Logistics Cluster.

4. AOB

- The outcomes of the Lessons Learned Mission conducted by the Global Logistics Cluster over the summer of 2016 have been published on the Logistics Cluster website and the link has been shared. Some of the recommendations have been applied and others are ongoing. Several respondents requested more logistics information and following on from that, the Logistics Cluster Coordinator requested agencies to supply the topics they would like presented in snapshots.
- Agencies were also requested to share any suppliers lists they have so these can be compiled and shared in country.
- OCHA have requested that other INGOs/Syrian NGOs are invited to attend the Logistics Cluster meetings. Any registered humanitarian organisations that requests to be added to the Jordan mailing list will automatically receive the invitation.
- Participants were reminded that SOPs, maps and additional information can be found on the Logistics Cluster website: www.logcluster.org/ops/syr12a



SYRIA – Meeting Minutes (Damascus)

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