LOCATION: Damascus

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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: FAO, ICRC, IOM, OXFAM, Premiere Urgence, UNRWA and WFP

ACTION POINTS:
- Logistics Cluster to explore provision of common storage in Aleppo, pending requests from organisations on estimated storage requirements.
- Logistics Cluster to update organisations on possibility of conducting airlifts to Qamishli Airport.
- Organisations interested in the Moadamyeh convoy, to send Service Request Forms (SRFs) to the Logistics Cluster.

AGENDA:
1. Humanitarian Access Update
2. Common Service Update
3. Joint Humanitarian Convoys and Airlifts
4. Any Other Business (A.O.B.)

1. HUMANITARIAN ACCESS UPDATE

Access Syria
- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that large parts of Syria continue to remain inaccessible, or accessible only via cross-border deliveries. And more specifically that:
  - Deir-ez-Zor and Raqqa remain inaccessible by road.
  - The Hassakeh governorate, in northeastern Syria, is still inaccessible by road from Damascus. Parts are accessible only through Qamishli and the Nusaybin-Qamishly cross-border.
  - In rural Idleb, parts of the governorate are still only accessible through cross-border deliveries.
  - In rural Aleppo, parts of the governorate are only accessible through cross-border deliveries or via Aleppo City.
  - Rural Dara’a and Quneitra are accessible through cross-border deliveries from Jordan to Syria (via the Ramtha crossing).

Access Lebanon
- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that all major roads in Lebanon are currently open, including the border crossings at Masnaa and Al Arida, which are fully operational, and the Beirut port which is currently operating normally.

Access Jordan
- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that all major roads in Jordan are operational, but that some crossings remain closed:
  - The Ramtha-Dara’a crossing is currently closed due to the ongoing security situation in Dara’a. The Logistics Cluster will inform organisations, once the crossing is viable again.
  - The Jaber-Naseeb crossing remains closed. An alternative crossing point is being sought, more updates to follow once confirmed.

Access Turkey
- No major issues were reported for access through Turkey and the Bab al-Salam and Bab al-Hawa crossings are operating as normal.
- During June, a reduction in the number of organisations using the Turkey crossings was noted. As preparations for winterization start, it is expected that the number of organisations’ trucks will increase.

2. COMMON SERVICES UPDATE
Inland Transport:

- During June, 5,648 m³ of cargo on behalf of IOM, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, SARC and WFP, was transported to locations in Syria. Items transported included health, WASH, shelter, education, and food items. In total 95 trucks were utilized in June.

Storage:

- 468 m³ of newly arrived cargo was stored in the Logistics Clusters' common warehousing facilities during June on behalf of OXFAM, IOM, and UNICEF.
- The monthly physical inventory for June, conducted with the participation of UNRWA, has been completed. The Logistics Cluster reminded organisations to nominate focal persons to attend the monthly stock-taking.
- Organisations queried about the availability of storage in Aleppo and indicated their interest in utilizing storage services there if it is provided. The Logistics Cluster requested organisations to send their estimated storage requirements to ascertain storage needs.
- ICRC queried about available storage for medical kits (approximately 7 mt or 53 m³) in Qamishli. The Logistics Cluster indicated that sufficient space is currently available and that additional space can also be made available to ICRC if needed.

3. JOINT HUMANITARIAN CONVOYS & AIRLIFTS

Accomplished convoys

- So far in 2015, 24 joint humanitarian convoys have been successfully completed.
- In June, 10 convoys to locations in rural Aleppo, Aleppo City, and rural Homs have been completed involving approximately 80 trucks.

Upcoming Joint Humanitarian Convoys

- An upcoming convoy to Moadamyeh in rural Damascus, is scheduled for 7-9 July. Organisations interested in the convoy, were requested to send their Service Request Forms (SRFs) to the Logistics Cluster.

Deir-Ez-Zor Airlifts

- The Logistics Cluster remains on standby to undertake airlifts to Deir-ez-Zor, updates to be shared with participating organisations.
- Organisations’ cargo allocated for the airlift is being palletized and made ready for dispatch as the Logistics Cluster is on a short notice period to respond, once clearance is received.
- In response to organisations’ queries on the sharing of cargo space, the Logistics Cluster indicated that staff will be on-site to supervise the loading and offloading of all commodities.

Qamishli

- Due to the deteriorating security situation in the Al Hassakeh Governate, the Logistics Cluster indicated the possibility of including Qamishli in the airlift plan. A number of organisations indicated their willingness to participate in an airlift to Qamishli.
4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (A.O.B.)**

- Organisations asked whether Qamishli airport is able to receive international air shipments. The Logistics Cluster indicated that airlifts were successfully completed to Qamishli airport in 2014, and will confirm whether they are still possible.

- UNRWA indicated that it is expecting to receive a shipment of food items in Damascus between the end July and early August, and inquired about available storage for three months. The Logistics Cluster indicated that storage capacity is sufficient, however items stored beyond three months would need to be prioritized for release.

- Some organisations advised that they are facing some difficulties in sourcing fuel in Damascus. The Logistics Cluster indicated that contingency fuel stocks is being replenished and can be made available to organisations.

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