

LOCATION:	WFP Office, Damascus
DATE:	26 January 2017
CHAIR:	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS:	WFP, UNRWA, FAO, UNHCR, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch (GOPA), WHO, IOM, OCHA, UNFPA, Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), IMC

ACTION POINTS:

- Partners to start dispatching cargo accumulated at the common warehouse in Qamishli.
- Partners to prioritise dispatch of items stored at all Logistics Cluster-facilitated warehouses in Syria since 2015.
- Logistics Cluster to send a request to partners to provide information on the type of training they would like to have in Damascus in 2017.
- Logistics Cluster to update mailing list.

AGENDA:

1. Regional Access Constraints
2. Cross-Border operations
3. Inter-Agency Humanitarian Convoys inside Syria
4. Air operations
5. Preparedness plan for Ar Raqqa
6. A.O.B

1. Regional Access Constraints

- Turkey:
 - Both Bab Al Hawa (BAH) and Bab Al Salama (BAS) crossing points from Turkey to northern and north-western Syria are operational. However, due to insecurity in Idlib governorate, the movement of trucks through BAH has been interrupted.
 - The HC in Damascus has sent a request to MOFA for approval to use the Nusaybin-Qamishli crossing-point. Partners will be updated on the progress.
- Lebanon:
 - All official crossing-points from Lebanon to Syria are operational.
- Jordan:
 - Ramtha border crossing is operational.
- Syria:
 - Tartous and Latakia ports are fully operational
 - Humanitarian organizations are now able to provide assistance to affected populations in Eastern Aleppo City through normal operations.
 - The Logistics Cluster has recirculated recently the assessment done for Fishkhabur/Semalka crossing point in July 2016. There have been no major changes since that assessment.

2. Cross-border operations

- A Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) for south-eastern Turkey is currently being carried out. The assessment will be available on the Logistics Cluster online LCA platform (<http://dlca.logcluster.org/>) when it is finalized.
- A final draft document on Preparedness and Operations Recommendations for Turkey has been shared with agencies in Turkey.

3. Inter-Agency Humanitarian Convoys inside Syria

- During December 2016, only one inter-agency convoy was conducted jointly with UNRWA to Kahna El Shih.
- Since the beginning of January 2017, one inter-agency convoy has been conducted to East and West Moadamyeh.
- No additional convoy is confirmed at this stage for the rest of January.

4. Air Operations

- Qamishli Airlift
 - As of 25 January, 294 airlifts from Damascus to Qamishli have been conducted on behalf of 9 organizations. The cargo airlifted is approximately equivalent to 700 20ft containers.
 - The second aircraft which was brought in to augment the airlift capacity was released on 21 January after completing 40 rotations. Currently, a single aircraft is flying one flight a day. Starting in February, there will be two flights a day.
 - The common storage space facilitated by the Logistics Cluster in Qamishli is currently full with supplies airlifted to Qamishli in the recent past. Partners who wish to send more supplies to Qamishli should first move their cargo from the warehouse to create more space.
- Deir-ez-Zour Airdrops
 - As of 25 January, WFP has completed 177 airdrops in Deir-ez-Zour. WFP will continue with the airdrop operation through February - however, airdrops of inter-agency cargo will be on a full-cost recovery basis. Partners who have supplies for the airdrop operation can get in touch directly with the Logistics Cluster.

5. Preparedness plan for Ar Raqqa

- The Logistics Cluster has sent inputs to OCHA for Ar Raqqa contingency planning. Airlifts to Qamishli will continue through February to serve partners as a key part of the contingency/prepositioning plans.

6. A.O.B

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the provision and transport of fuel on behalf of partners for the winterization programme. Partners who still require fuel for winterization are reminded to submit SRFs to syria.clustercargo@wfp.org mailing address.
- The Logistics Cluster is planning to conduct Warehouse Management and Basic Procurement trainings in Turkey during March. The Logistics Cluster will also look into trainings in Damascus in 2017 – an email will be sent out to partners requesting suggestions for what types of training to be held.
- The Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) for Syria is still underway and requires more information gathering and compiling. Partners will be notified when it is completed and available.

Contacts:

Finne Lucey	<i>Whole of Syria Logistics Cluster Coordinator</i>	finne.lucey@wfp.org
Samuel Terefe	<i>Whole of Syria Deputy Logistics Cluster Coordinator</i>	samuel.terefe@wfp.org
Alessandra Piccolo	<i>Information Management Officer</i>	alessandra.piccolo@wfp.org
Najd AlChaar	<i>Logistics Associate</i>	Najd.Alchaar@wfp.org
Dima Salloum	<i>Business Support Assistant</i>	Dima.Salloum@wfp.org