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# Meeting Minutes, 3 November 2020

Syria Operation, Gaziantep



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| <b>LOCATION</b>      | Gaziantep, Turkey  |
| <b>DATE</b>          | 3 November 2020  |
| <b>CHAIR</b>         | Logistics Cluster  |
| <b>PARTICIPANTS</b>  | Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement (ACTED), Americares, Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA), Big Heart, Dorat Al Khair Organization, Ghiras Al Nahda, Global Communities, Hand in Hand for Aid and Development (HIHFAD), Humanity & Inclusion, Ihsan for Relief and Development (IHSAN), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Malteser International, Maram Foundation for Relief and Development (MFRD), Mercy Corps, Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID) (OFDA), People in Need (PIN), POINT, Qatar Charity, Relief Experts, Relief International (RI), Saed Charity Association, Shafak, Shelter Box, Solidarités International (SI), Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), The International NGO Safety Organisation (INSO), Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM), United National Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Monitoring Mechanism (UNMM), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), Welthungerhilfe, World Health Organization (WHO). |
| <b>ACTION POINTS</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners to provide inputs to the “Rehabilitation Bodies” data collection file.</li><li>• The cluster to update its access constraints map with partner inputs.</li><li>• The cluster to create an on-going and future road rehabilitation map.</li><li>• The Logistics Cluster to closely follow the issue of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) export regulation and keep partners updated.</li><li>• The cluster to keep partners updated on developments regarding recent changes to importation and exportation procedures.</li></ul>   |
| <b>AGENDA</b>        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Physical Access</li><li>2. INSO Presentation</li><li>3. Coordination</li><li>4. Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) Presentation</li><li>5. Cross-border operation</li><li>6. AOB</li></ol>  |

## 1. Access

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- The Al Ghazawiyeh road rehabilitation works are expected to be completed by 15 November.

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- The works are funded by the Syria Cross-Border Humanitarian Fund (SCHF) to UNDP, with the technical partnership of Bonyan Organization and Imaar Organization.
- The cluster thanked all partners who submitted their inputs to the physical access data collection files. The Early Recovery and Livelihoods (ERL) and Logistics Clusters are now working on analysis and a map is to be released this month.
- The Logistics Cluster encourages partners to share information on actors who have rehabilitation capacity inside North West Syria (NWS) . Partners who either have the capacity, or know of private actors who have the capacity, should register it in the data collection file, which will be shared again via the mailing list.
- On behalf partners, the cluster continues to advocate on the multi-sectorial request for the sharing of commercial traffic figures by entry point and axis.

## 2. Coordination

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- The cluster continues to gather and consolidate information on logistics services such as transport and storage, including temperature controlled. This is as part of an effort to update the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA).
- Storage inside NWS: 18 different partners have 89 warehouses in NWS, covering a total area of approximately 96,000 m2.
- Partners are encouraged to approach the cluster to request warehouses information inside NWS, as well as other logistics services.
- The cluster shared its Custom Procedures document and Restricted Items List via the mailing list and will continue to update it as changes occur. The cluster can share the document upon request.
- The cluster reminds partners that UN cross-border figures can be found here:
  - [Truck figures](#);
  - [Tonnage, Volume and Sector cargo details](#).

### Procurement Working Group (PWG)

- The NGO Forum held a PWG meeting on 2 November.
- The Terms of Reference (ToRs) have now been finalised. The PWG enables information sharing on procurement, technical market analysis and mapping.
- Any further questions regarding the PWG and for membership to the group should be directed to Iyad Agha: [I.Agha@hifad.org](mailto:I.Agha@hifad.org).

### Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)

- No organisation submitted names for candidacy to the SAG to date.
- Partners agreed that the Logistics Cluster Deputy Coordinator will continue bilateral discussions with key stakeholders on the topic, and share any updates at the next meeting.

### Preparedness

- The cluster continues to encourage partners to share any capacity building needs. To date, no requests have been received.

## 3. INSO Presentation

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- INSO supports the humanitarian community with information, analysis, and advice that enhances situational awareness, supports informed decision making, strengthens operational practice and enables humanitarian access.
- This is accomplished by providing direct support to the humanitarian community worldwide and is free of cost to NGO partners.
- INSO provides a number of services to their partners including: trainings, incident alerts and reports, orientation briefings and weekly incident lists.
- INSO provides services such as crisis assistance, area assessments, Governorate profiles, site security reviews and site security plans.
- INSO is also a coordination and data collecting mechanism. INSO asks that partners to abide by its code of conduct. All information received from INSO is to be kept confidential.
- The Logistics Cluster has shared the INSO presentation via the mailing list.
- Any organisation who wishes to obtain further information may contact Maryam INSO North Safety Advisor at: [sa.north@syr.ngosafety.org](mailto:sa.north@syr.ngosafety.org)

## 4. Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) Presentation

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- The TRC presented to cluster partners on its cross-border humanitarian relief operations in the northwest of Syria.
- TRC facilitates transshipments across 14 different crossing points on the Turkey-Syria border. TRC also facilitates domestic and international shipment procedures for humanitarian aid actors.
- Humanitarian organisations must register with TRC to use its transshipment services.
- The full presentation was shared with partners via the mailing list.
- Any partners who wish to register or obtain further information can contact the Shipment Support Desk at: [syriaborder@kizilay.org.tr](mailto:syriaborder@kizilay.org.tr)

## 5 Cross-border Operations

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- In October, the Logistics Cluster coordinated the transshipment of 943 Syrian trucks, facilitating the delivery of 22,814 mt of assistance. For further info, please see [here](#).

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- The Bab al-Hawa transshipment hub expansion works have been cleared by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). The area has doubled to 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> and an increase of office space from 100 to 300 m<sup>2</sup>.

## 6. AOB

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- The Logistics Cluster has contacted OCHA regarding a recent change in official regulation on the export of certain types of PPE. The Logistics Cluster informed the participants that OCHA raised the issue to the Deputy Regional Humanitarian Coordinator (DHRC), who wrote to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on 16 October. The Logistics Cluster will closely follow the issue and keep partners updated.
- To date, the ban on French products has not impacted humanitarian imports, which remain exempt. The cluster and OCHA are closely following the topic and will keep partners updated on any developments.
- A UN Inter-agency mission crossed from Turkey in Idlib Syria on 27 October.

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