LOCATION: Damascus, Syria
DATE: 27 November 2014
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS: ADRA, FAO, ICRC, IMC, Premiere Urgence, UNRWA, UNICEF, WFP

ACTION POINTS:
- Participants to submit the names of storage focal points taking part in the monthly physical inventory to the Logistics Cluster.
- The Logistics Cluster will notify partners of upcoming warehouse management training.

AGENDA:
1. Humanitarian Update
2. Common Services Update
3. Joint Humanitarian Convoys
4. Organisations’ Update and AOB

1. HUMANITARIAN UPDATE

Syria
- Deir Ezzour remains inaccessible and has been since May 2014.
- Raqqa has been inaccessible since August, however efforts are being made to send trucks in the coming weeks in order to reach isolated communities. The Logistics Cluster will provide updates shortly.
- Hassakeh governorate in northeastern Syria is still inaccessible by road from Damascus, however it is accessible via the Turkey-Syria Nusaybin crossing.
- The UN is accessing parts of rural Idleb and rural Aleppo through cross-border shipments from Turkey as per UN Security Council Resolution (SCR) 2165.

Neighbouring Countries

Lebanon
- Currently both major highways (leading to the Masnnaa and Arida border crossings respectively) are fully operational.
- Due to weather conditions, closures have been reported on some small, lesser-used roads in the mountains: Ainatal Arz, Ayoun Simayn, and Hatath Baalbek.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator reported that weather conditions could include snow and ice and this should be factored into planning.
- The Logistics Cluster has advised that Beirut Port is operating normally with no congestion.

Turkey
- Hassakeh remains accessible via Nusaybin crossing, provided necessary approvals are received.
- Bab al Hawa and Bab al Salaam continue to be used by UN Agencies post-SCR 2165.

Jordan
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator reported that a convoy crossed from the Ramtha border on 25 November
- The next convoy is being planned for the week of 1 December.
- The regular Jaber/Naseeb crossing continues to be used by UNHCR and UNICEF.
2. COMMON SERVICES UPDATE

Inland Transport:
- Over 3,600 m³ of cargo was transported this month on behalf of IOM, UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, FAO, IMC, OXFAM, and WFP. Transport included health, wash, shelter, education, protection and food items and involved 78 trucks.

Storage:
- 2,100 m³ of new cargo has been received this month and is currently being stored at Logistic Cluster warehouses across the country on behalf of UNFPA, IOM, UNICEF, UNRWA and WHO.
- The November physical inventory exercise is scheduled for the week of 1 December. Participants were reminded that this is a mandatory exercise to ensure greater accountability and to ensure that stock is managed more effectively.

New Special Operation (SO) for 2015:
- A new Special Operation (SO) for 2015 has been approved. The activities will be the same. The main difference is that common transport will now be cost-recovery, and there are six emergency airlifts budgeted for in 2015. Further airlifts will be on a cost-recovery basis. Apart from this, warehousing, humanitarian convoys, coordination, and information management will take place as before. There will be a continued focus on training, to enhance logistics capacity inside Syria.
- Logistics Capacity Assessments (LCAs) for Syria and Lebanon are being updated; information will be uploaded and shared with participants in the next two weeks.
- A new high resolution map for Damascus and an infographic for Logistics Cluster activities (January – October 2014) are now available for download on the Logistics Cluster website: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/syr12a

3. JOINT HUMANITARIAN CONVOYS

Accomplished Convoys:
Recent Convoys were supported to the below locations:
- Al Waer in Homs, involving UNICEF & WFP, via 21 trucks (1,066 m³)
- Five locations in East Aleppo (Kafr Hamra, Maaret Elartiq, Andan, A’zaz, Tal Riffat) involving IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO and WFP, via 13 trucks (578 m³)

Upcoming Joint Humanitarian Convoys
- Upcoming convoys to Harasta, Az Zabadani, Madaya and Duma are planned in the coming weeks.

4. ORGANISATIONS’ UPDATES AND AOB

- Participants reported that there was a continued need to streamline facilitation and approval procedures to the best extent possible and enhance efficiency of deliveries, via strong cooperation and close coordination between the government and the humanitarian community.
- Logistics training in Damascus and Aleppo have been completed. Upcoming training events in Homs, Tartous/Safita and Qamishly are being scheduled. The Logistics Cluster will share the dates of these training events. Interested participants should share the names of planned attendees.

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