UKRAINE – Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Kyiv, Ukraine
DATE: 16 June 2016
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS: UNHCR, WHO, Caritas Ukraine, HIA, NRC, OCHA, PU-AMI, Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

AGENDA:
1. Recent convoys; visit of Logistics Cluster Kyiv team to Donetsk
2. Exit strategy
3. AOB

1. Recent convoys; visit of Logistics Cluster Kyiv team to Donetsk

- On the 27 May 2016, the Logistics Cluster was facilitating a joint humanitarian convoy carrying shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI) cargo, through Novotroitskoye (Volnovakha) checkpoint to the Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCAs). Due to lengthy administrative procedures and newly introduced requirements, the convoy had to be cancelled and sent back to Dnipropetrovsk.

- On the 2 June 2016, the Logistics Cluster team accompanied UNICEF’s convoy to Donetsk carrying HIV Antiviral Therapy cargo, which previously did not succeed to pass through on its own. The convoy was successful and reached its destination the same day.

- During the convoy preparation and on its way to Donetsk, the Logistics Cluster was assisting by streamlining the complex procedures required for transport by giving advice on the paperwork required and providing a UN umbrella to facilitate access for the cargo, and promoting recognition of the convoy at the checkpoint.

- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that since the Coordinator and Kiev-based Logistics Officer were accompanying the convoy to Donetsk, they visited the Donetsk office of Logistics Cluster.

- The Logistics Cluster also used this opportunity to discuss new requirements on the documentation with checkpoint personnel and is continuing to investigate the issue.

- On 16 June, a humanitarian convoy facilitated by the Logistics Cluster successfully crossed the contact line at Novotroitske/Olenivka checkpoint and proceeded to Donetsk (NGCA), following a prolonged period of inaccessibility into this area. Cargo consisted of 230 m³ of WASH and early recovery items.

2. Exit strategy

- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that HCT/RC asked the Logistics Cluster to inform about its exit strategy during the last HCT meeting.

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• Potentially, the exit strategy of the Logistics Cluster in Ukraine is going to be implemented at the end of the year 2016.
• The Logistics Cluster informed participants that it is not going to hand over any of its activities to the government. The handover will be done to the organisations operating on the ground.
• The exit is to be based mainly on a cost-recovery basis for the transport and storage services being coordinated or by facilitation for direct contracting since only few transporters are willing to deliver to NGCAs.
• The Logistics Cluster closure, as soon as it is agreed with the key Logistics Cluster participants, will be pre-announced via Coordination Meetings and general mailing list.
• The Logistics Cluster will continue to accompany humanitarian convoys for a predetermined period, which will be used as training period for organisations.
• A workshop arranged by the Logistics Cluster is planned to train organisations on convoys’ documentation and related administration-related documentation and process.

3. AOB

• A participant asked if their cargo (insulin medicines), can be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster to the NGCA. The Logistics Cluster replied that the subcontracted transporter can provide refrigerated trucks, therefore the cargo can be facilitated upon SRF submission.
• The Logistics Cluster reminded participants that all cargo to be facilitated by the Logistics Cluster is to be properly packed, palletized and not to be delivered in bulk since cargo packing is not a service provided by the Logistics Cluster.
• The Logistics Cluster reminded participants to submit their inputs for the Logistics Cluster Partners Performance Assessment Survey launched in the framework of the CCPM (Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring) process, which can be accessed online at the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/39362M5. The survey will be closed on 17 June 2016.

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