LOCATION:  WFP office, Kyiv, Ukraine

DATE:  2nd March 2015

CHAIR:  Logistics Cluster Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS:  Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Medecins Sans Frontières (MSF), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO).

ACTION POINTS:
- The Logistics Cluster to provide Service Request forms for common transport and warehousing
- The Logistics Cluster to compile information on road conditions and damage in the NGCAs for mapping
- Participants to report back on the best day and time for a meeting next week
- Participants to inform of their warehouse locations and capacity
- Participants to share any road and route information and constraints they encounter

In order to share timely updates with all LC participants

AGENDA:
1. Introductions
2. Pipeline
3. Hubs / Warehousing
4. Road Transport
5. Access
6. Mapping
7. Update from Partners
8. AOB

1. INTRODUCTIONS
- The chair reported that the Logistics Cluster was formally activated on 23rd February 2015 to provide logistics coordination and support to the humanitarian community.
- A Logistics Cluster coordinator and an Information Officer are now present in Kiev supported by the Acting Head of WFP Logistics.
- Since the situation is in flux and activities are scaling up, another Logistics Cluster meeting will be held next week. All participants were asked to inform the Logistics Cluster as soon as possible with their preferred day and time. This can be sent to esther.russell@wfp.org.

2. PIPELINE
- Participants were strongly encouraged to provide the Logistics Cluster with all information and projections on their pipeline in order for the Logistics Cluster to establish the appropriate capacity in terms of road transport and warehousing.
3. **HUBS / WAREHOUSING**

- It was agreed that currently the most important locations for a Logistics Cluster presence would be Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk and Luhansk, with a larger warehouse facility in Dnipropetrovsk that could be used as a staging area for cargo destined for non-government controlled areas (NGCAs) and smaller facilities within Donetsk and Luhansk for interagency storage. The establishment of common facilities was also welcomed as an effective way to ease price competition.

- A Logistics Cluster presence in other locations can also be considered.

- Several organizations have small warehouse facilities in both government and non-government controlled areas. Participants were invited to share the details of these facilities in order to establish an overview.

- It was reported that there are many potential warehouses in both Luhansk and Donetsk, and that prices for these facilities are substantially lower than in the government controlled areas of Eastern Ukraine.

- WHO will be establishing a small warehouse in Dnipropetrovsk with cold chain facilities and is willing to provide some space to organizations requiring this. However, only medicines that are officially registered in Ukraine can be accepted for storage. WHO is currently negotiating to have this list expanded for a wider range of internationally recognized medicines.

- No cold chain storage has yet been identified in Donetsk or Luhansk.

4. **ROAD TRANSPORT**

- Many Ukrainian commercial entities are not willing to transport goods into non-government controlled areas. At present, most cargo is being transported by transporters from Donetsk and Luhansk, who pick up cargo from government controlled areas and take it back, however local capacity in that area remains limited.

- Initially, the Logistics Cluster will be providing interagency transport at no cost to user from the Eastern staging area (Dnipropetrovsk) to Donetsk and Luhansk. Organisations are invited to submit a Service Request Form, which is available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ukr15a. These should be sent directly to: ukraine.cargo@logcluster.org. A copy is also attached to these minutes.

- The Logistics Cluster has put out an LTA and will publish a list of available transport into non-government controlled areas once it has been established.

5. **ACCESS**

- Organisations expressed a strong need for common transport services since this will ease the administrative demands on individual organizations and streamline the process of moving cargo into NCGAs.
• Access between Mariupol and Donetsk city is reported to be difficult.

• Access into Luhansk remains challenging. At present, all deliveries are taking place via Donetsk. The reduced capacity of the Staniska Loganska Bridge along the eastern route into Luhansk remains a severe bottleneck, since it can no longer support trucks.

• Assessments will be taking place this week into Luhansk to explore alternative routes. The Logistics Cluster will report back on all findings as soon as possible.

6. MAPPING

• The Logistics Cluster has general logistics planning maps for the Ukraine, Eastern Ukraine, Luhansk and Donetsk available on the website for downloading and printing. These are all available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ukraine/maps.

• Participants requested maps of road conditions and blockages. The Logistics Cluster is in the process of compiling the available information to start this process. Participants were requested to provide the Logistics Cluster with all the information they have on road conditions and status to assist the process. This can be sent directly to kennet.blixt@wfp.org and esther.russell@wfp.org.

• Other logistics maps can also be produced on request.

7. UPDATE FROM PARTNERS

• WHO has 25 mt of medicines in the pipeline, including emergency health kits.

• Organisations reported that vehicle clearance documentation (permits) remain a logistics challenge. The numerous checkpoints into the NGCAs also increases delays and incur expenses. It was also reported that insecurity is increased in having to pass through Donetsk in order to reach Luhansk.

• Communications are sometimes an issue in the NGCAs. Both the internet and cell phone connections are subject to lengthy interruptions following shelling, and communications equipment is not permitted.

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