Situation Overview

- Access remains an issue into the non-government controlled areas (NGCAs) of Eastern Ukraine, especially Luhansk.
- Interagency transport and warehousing services under the Logistics Cluster will begin early next week. Requests for these services are now being accepted.
- The Logistics Cluster and WFP, with assistance from UNDSS, facilitated a four-truck convoy of WFP food into Luhansk on behalf of IRD. The trucks left from Rubizhne on March 5, using a new route from the northwest of Ukraine, and distributed food in Pervomaisk through to Luhansk city. This is the first time trucks have successfully accessed the area through this corridor since the recent clashes.

Customs

- Importing medicines into Ukraine remains extremely difficult, especially pertaining to international medications not on the Ukraine government’s approved list. WHO is working with the Ukrainian Ministry of Health to try and have this list expanded.

Access

- The administrative requirements for access into the NGCA of Donetsk are reportedly increasingly complicated, and entry into the area is often difficult, especially for INGOs.
- Access into government-controlled areas near the contact line, including Marijinka, is also reported to have been problematic over the last two weeks.

Coordination

- The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, at 15:30 at the WFP offices in Kiev: St Esplanadna 20, Office 402.
Road Transport Services

- Logistics Cluster common road transport services into the NGCAs of Eastern Ukraine will begin next week. Service Request Forms and SOPs have been made available through the mailing list and can also be found on the website at: www.logcluster.org/ops/ukr15a.

- Transport and handling, including cold chain, will be provided from Dnipropetrovsk to Donetsk city and Luhansk city.

- Organizations will remain responsible for delivering their cargo to Dnipropetrovsk and collecting it at Donetsk / Luhansk for onward movement.

- A list of available transporters willing to transport cargo into the NGCAs will also be published on the Logistics Cluster website.

Hubs/Warehousing

- The Logistics Cluster is in the process of establishing three hubs – in Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk and Luhansk – with a warehouse in each.

Information Management and GIS

- Available maps include General Logistics Planning Maps of the Ukraine, Eastern Ukraine, Donetsk and Luhansk, as well as the Logistics Cluster ConOps map as of 20 February. These are constantly updated and available for download at: http://www.logcluster.org/search?f[0]=field_raw_op_id:23707&f[1]=field_document_type:27

- Meeting minutes and Sitreps are distributed weekly through the mailing list and are also available on the Logistics Cluster website. To be added to the mailing list, please send an email to: esther.russell@wfp.org.

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