Situation Overview

- The overall security situation in the Eastern Conflict Area of Ukraine remains volatile during the reporting period of 29 January – 29 February 2016.

- Access to Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCAs) remains challenging. Security risks hamper the delivery of humanitarian cargo to the affected population in the Eastern Ukraine.

- More often closures of the checkpoints as well as elaborate administrative procedures requested by the check-points personnel impede convoys’ arrangements.

- As per the latest UNDSS report, as of 26 February 2016, only limited entry points are accessible from the Government Controlled Areas (GCAs) to the Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCAs). These are:
  - Zaitseve – functioning as normal from 07:00 – 17:00 hrs.
  - Mariinka – functioning as normal from 07:00 – 17:00 hrs.
  - Novotroitske - functioning as normal from 07:00-17:00 hrs.

- The three checkpoints are often closed for a certain period of time, sometimes lasting up to 3 days.

- Out of these entry points, only Mariinka and Novotroitske are accessible for 20 MT trucks.

- The latest Access Constraints Map is available at: [http://www.logcluster.org/map/ukraine-access-constraints-map-29-february-2016](http://www.logcluster.org/map/ukraine-access-constraints-map-29-february-2016)

Coordination

- Coordination meetings have been organised in Kiev bi-weekly. The meetings in Donetsk are temporary suspended due to the small number of humanitarian actors present in NGCAs.

- The Logistics Cluster, with the support of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), continues to liaise with the Fiscal Services of Ukraine, as well as with Civil-Military Coordination (CIMIC) to streamline and facilitate the process of cargo transportation between government and non-government controlled areas on behalf of the humanitarian community.

- The Logistics Cluster has been assisting humanitarian actors by streamlining the complex procedures required for each transport by undertaking the administrative requirements on behalf of individual organisations, providing a UN umbrella to facilitate access for NGO cargo, and promoting recognition of convoys at checkpoints.
Since its activation in March 2015, the Logistics Cluster facilitated transportation of 3,640.91 mt (6,512.72 m³) of humanitarian cargo to the Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCAs) on behalf of UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, People In Need, Caritas, DRC, Mercy Corps, ADRA, GOAL, International HIV/AIDS Alliance and other humanitarian organisations acting in Ukraine.

From 29 January 2016 until 29 February 2016, the Logistics Cluster facilitated transportation of 365.9 mt (822.1 m³) of humanitarian cargo to NGCAs in Eastern Ukraine.

Transport services of humanitarian cargo to NGCAs are ongoing, with more than 1000mt of relief items in the pipeline.

The warehouse in Dnipropetrovsk is used for consolidation of cargo before forwarding humanitarian goods to the Eastern Conflict Area.

From 29 January 2016 to 29 February 2016, 286.9 mt (926.43 m³) of humanitarian cargo from UNHCR, DRC, and Save the Children have been accepted to the Logistics Cluster facilitated warehouse in Dnipropetrovsk.

Winter weather conditions in Ukraine continue to affect the operation, with snow and ice making convoy movements difficult.

The Logistics Cluster has taken mitigation measures, such as preparation of vehicles, snow clearance and adaptation of warehouse storage arrangements to avoid the negative effects of the below freezing temperatures on the various types of cargo.

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