Situation Overview

- There is currently a marked increase in humanitarian needs in Eastern Ukraine, coupled with severe access constraints in conflict zones and non-government controlled areas. In response, the international humanitarian community as a whole is stepping up operations to respond to the crisis.
- To respond to this surge in operations, the Logistics Cluster was officially activated on 23 February, 2015.
- The Humanitarian Response Plan was officially launched on February 24.
- A Concept of Operations has been circulated and endorsed by all Logistics Cluster participants on the ground.
- A Cluster Coordinator and an Information Officer are now present in Kiev, as well as a logistics expert to establish a dedicated fleet of trucks for common transport.

Customs

- Customs procedures for humanitarian organizations are complicated and at present the majority of humanitarian goods are being purchased in country. The exception is for medical goods and specialized relief kits, many of which need to be imported. A working group has been established to discuss the various issues and will meet with Government counterparts to establish solutions.
- OCHA has a focal point in Geneva to assist organizations with customs issues.

Access

- At the present time, most humanitarian cargo moving into the non-government controlled areas (NGCAs) is entering via Donetsk, including assistance destined for Luhansk. This is largely due to more severe access constraints into Luhansk in terms of challenging road conditions from shelling, risks of UXO and IEDs, and damage to the Staniska Loganska Bridge, which can now only support smaller vehicles.
- The two routes into Donetsk currently approved by UNDSS are Iskra – Kurakhove – Marinka – Donetsk and Mariupol – Novotroitske – Olenivka – Donetsk.
- The possibility of establishing a corridor directly into the NGCA of Luhansk will be assessed over the coming week. The best option may be the road from Lysychansk.
- IEDs and UXO pose a risk over much of the area of the contact line and in the NGCAs.

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- Changing regulatory frameworks have also been identified as one of the key constraints in terms of logistics.

- The majority of Ukrainian commercial entities are not willing to transport goods into non-government controlled areas. At present, the best available option is for drivers from Donetsk and Luhansk to pick up cargo from government-controlled areas and take it back. However, the available capacity in both areas, in particular Luhansk, is reported to be extremely limited and the issue of government checkpoints demanding permits remains.

### Coordination

- The first Logistics Coordination meeting was held on February 16. **The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, for 15:00 at the WFP offices** in Kiev: St Esplanadna 20, Office 401.

### Road Transport Services

- The Logistics Cluster will be establishing common road transport services into the NGCAs of Eastern Ukraine. The initial plan is to ensure that five to ten trucks will be made available to all Logistics Cluster participants through the usual Service Request procedures. Any questions or projections of future needs can be addressed to the Logistics Cluster Coordinator.

### Hubs/Warehousing

- As of now, the Logistics Cluster is looking at establishing two hubs – one in Dnipropetrovsk and one in Donetsk – with a warehouse in each. The option of having a warehouse in Kramatorsk and other locations will also be examined.

### Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- 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 all available for download at: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ukr15a](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/ukr15a)

- The Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) for Ukraine is available at: [http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Ukraine](http://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Ukraine). This document will be added to as the situation on the ground evolves and further information comes available.

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