LOCATION: Gaziantep, Turkey
DATE: 17 June 2016
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator for Turkey
PARTICIPANTS: IOM, WFP SECURITY, UNMM, WHO, UNICEF, FAO
ACTION POINTS:
- UNMM to discuss internally the issue of the use of padlocks and revert back at the next cluster meeting
AGENDA:
1. Border Crossing Update
2. A.O.B.

1. Border Crossing Update

- Since the start of Logistics Cluster operations in Turkey, a total of 6,702 Turkish trucks (6,028 from Bab al Hawa and 674 from Bab al Salam) reached the Northern Syria from Turkey. The load was transferred into 6,744 Syrian trucks at transhipment points.
- From Nusaybin, a total of 1,463 trucks have crossed into Qamishli, Syria.
- The Nusaybin/Qamishli crossing has been closed since mid-December 2015, due to security reasons. As an alternative route, some NGOs/INGOs are crossing into Syria from Iraq, through the Fishkhabour crossing.

2. A.O.B.

- The Logistics Cluster stated that the Deputy Governor of Antakya requested the UN to reduce the number of trucks crossing through Bab Al-Hawa to 20 trucks per day, as only one X-Ray machine is operational.
- Organisations have been requested to submit movement plans for the first week of July as soon as possible.
- The Logistics Cluster stated that from now on UN Coordination Meetings will be conducted fortnightly as agreed with the other UN Agencies.
- IOM updated participants about their internal procedures for cross border activities and raised their concern about decreasing the daily number of trucks passing through Bab al Hawa to 20 trucks per day.
- The Logistics Cluster has been updating agencies about cross-border planning, execution and challenges faced since the start of the operation.
- IOM stated that UNMM requested to use padlocks for IOM Syrian trucks at Reyhanli Hub after the transhipment. This new procedure has not been agreed on with organisations. UNMM will check the issue internally and revert back.
- UNMM asked why UN Agencies are planning transhipments during the week-end, instead of weekdays. The Logistics Cluster explained that since the number of trucks crossing through Bab Al-Hawa has been reduced to 20 per day and due to increased violence in northern Syria, although not preferable, sometimes transhipments have to be scheduled over the weekend. Customs officials have agreed to work one day of
The weekend which would allow the crossing of up to 120 trucks per week. The Logistics Cluster will continue to closely follow up on this issue and work towards raising this limit.

*The date and location of the next cluster meeting will be communicated once set.*

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