LOCATION: Gaziantep, Turkey

DATE: 8 July 2016

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: IOM, UNHCR, UNMM, WHO

ACTION POINTS: Logistics Cluster to request UNDSS to provide update on the security situation for Bab al Salam/Killis crossing.

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 6,937 Turkish trucks (6,238 from Bab al Hawa and 699 from Bab al Salam) reached northern Syria from Turkey. The load was transferred into 6,978 Syrian trucks (which have a slightly lower capacity) at transhipment points.

- From Nusaybin, a total of 1,463 trucks have crossed into Qamishli, Syria.

- The Nusaybin/Qamishli crossing has been closed since 27 December 2015 due to security reasons.

2. A.O.B.

- As per request from the Deputy Governor of Antakya, the UN reduced the number of trucks crossing through Bab Al-Hawa to 20 trucks per day.

- The Logistics Cluster requested participants’ feedback on the possibility of combining Logistics Cluster Meetings with NGOs/INGOs and UN Coordination Meetings with UN agencies and arrange one meeting in Gaziantep and another in Antakya fortnightly since meeting agendas are very similar and some NGOs/INGOs are Implementing Partner (IP) of UN agencies as well. Participants agreed to combine those meetings in order to enhance coordination among humanitarian actors. The same proposal will be discussed with NGOs/INGOs on 13 July, during the next Logistics Cluster Meeting and with other UN agencies during the next UN Coordination Meeting.

- UN agencies were requested to share their expected pipeline with the Logistics Cluster. This will enable the Logistics Cluster to better plan for cross-border operations.

- The Logistics Cluster invited organisations to use Bab Al-Salam /Killis crossing in addition to Bab Al-Hawa/Reyhanli. Participants pointed at difficult road access to Aleppo city centre and security issues as...
the reason for the low use of the Bab Al-Salam /Kilis crossing. The Logistics Cluster will request UNDSS to provide an update on the security situation for the BAS/Killis crossing.

- The Logistics Cluster inquired whether organisations need Logistics Cluster support and/or storage services in Azaz. The issue has been discussed with the Logistics Cluster Coordinator in Syria but unfortunately there is no storage option viable in Azaz at present.

- UNHCR might change their present shipment plan from Bab al Hawa at the end of July.

The date and location of the next Logistics Cluster meeting will be communicated once set.

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