# Meeting Minutes, 22 November 2022

Syria Cross Border Operation, Türkiye Gaziantep

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| **LOCATION** | Gaziantep (In-person and online) |
| **DATE** | 22 November 2022 |
| **CHAIR** | Logistics Cluster |
| **PARTICIPANTS** | CARE International, GOAL, Hand in Hand, Human Appeal, Malteser International, Solidarities International, Big Heart, Relief International, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) , Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO) |
| **ACTION POINTS** | • Logistics Cluster team to follow up on existing or potential procurement working group.<br>• Logistics Cluster team to collect and consolidate from partners list of vendors and suppliers working in northwest Syria (NWS).<br>• Logistics Cluster team to circulate the list of prohibited items that cannot be shipped from Türkiye into NWS. |
| **AGENDA** | 1. Logistics Cluster Update<br>2. WFP Bilateral Service Provision Update<br>3. Partners Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks<br>4. AOB |

## 1. Logistics Cluster Updates

**CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS**

Cross-border operations from the Bab al-Hawa (BAH) border crossing into Northwest Syria

- In October, the Logistics Cluster team facilitated the transhipment of 566 trucks in the Reyhanli transhipment hub on behalf of WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA with health supplies; IOM with Shelter items; and WFP with food assistance. Over half of the shipments were transported to the Idleb Governorate and around 30 per cent to Aleppo Governorate.
- After the peak in operations seen in May and June, an increase in transshipped (t/s) cargo is seen in October and November in light of the winterisation and prepositioning efforts under the current UNSCR expiring on 10 January 2023.
- After an FCDO visit held on 20 October and the Irish Aid delegation received on 9 November, a high-level Swiss delegation will visit the hub on 25 November to witness cross-loading operations, monitoring mechanism, and convoy preparation and to have briefings from UN partners representatives.

- OCHA is leading discussions at the Inter-Cluster level and with Heads of NWS humanitarian actors to explore the main legal, funding and operational challenges in a non-UNSC resolution scenario.
- A Business Continuity Plan is being drafted with inputs from Clusters and Heads of Agencies HoAs and will be circulated to all partners and used as advocacy and with donors.

**CROSSLINE MISSIONS TO NORTHWEST SYRIA**

- On 23 October 2022, a convoy of 18 trucks Inter-Agency crossline convoy (Sarmada 8th ) took place with the facilitation of the Logistics Cluster, including (Food, nutrition, NFI, and medicine) on behalf of 4 UN agencies (UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, and WFP). Plans for (Sarmada 9) are still under consolidation.

**COMMON SERVICES**

- During October, a new consignment was received for the storage of health items on behalf of WHO in the Logistics Cluster Qamishly common warehouse, and a stock release was processed for UNFPA and WHO.
- To request storage services, contact syria.clustercargo@wfp.org
- Storage services SOPs can be accessed from here.

## 2. WFP Bilateral Service Provision:

- In case of specific logistics needs, WFP could assist humanitarian partners with various logistics services on a cost-recovery basis (contact Syria BSP Logistics unit for further information: co_syr_bsp_logistics@wfp.org ).

## 3. Partners Logistics Gaps and Bottlenecks

- An NGO partner requested an update on the permission to import some restricted medical items, including anaesthetics. Discussions should continue at the bilateral level, including WHO and other UN Agencies involved in health activities. The Logistics Cluster will follow up with the OCHA access team and share any updates.
- One partner asked about the staff crossing from Türkiye to NWS; the Logistics Cluster suggested reaching out to OCHA for any queries related to staff movement.
- Partners asked about a consolidated supplier list. The Logistics Cluster will reach out to partners to collect suppliers' data, to compile a consolidated list according to different procurement groups.
- One partner asked about the disposal of the assets purchased with BIS licence. The Logistics Cluster advised the partner to contact the donor's HQ.

## 4. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster team has two new staff in Gaziantep: Myron Kamensa as Logistics Officer for cross-border operations and Halil Hamdan as a Logistics – Information Management Officer.

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