
Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response Operation

Logistics Sector Meeting - Gaziantep, Türkiye

3 March 2023



LOCATION	Online/Gaziantep, Türkiye
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CHAIR	Edmondo Perrone – Logistics Officer, Logistics Sector
PARTICIPANTS	ACTED, Action Against Hunger (AAH), Al-Ameen, CARE, Concern Worldwide, Fire Brigade Duisburg City, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), GOAL Global, Global Communities, Global Logistics Cluster (GLC), Humedica International Aid, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee, Maram Foundation, Médecins Sans Frontières, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), Syrian-American Medical Society (SAMS), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Monitoring Mechanism, United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), World Food Program (WFP), World Health Organisation (WHO), World Vision International (WVI).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics Sector to share information on OCHA contact points, mailing list access, and WhatsApp groups access• Logistics Sector to share information on commercial border crossings• UNMM and Logistics Sector to discuss the possibility of reducing the notification window from 72 hours to 48 hours, as well as the possible need for advocacy efforts to keep the Al Ra'ee and Bab al-Salam border crossings open after the earthquake response
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Situation update (1-3 March 2023)2. Common Services – Transport3. Common Services – Storage4. Common Services – Cross-Border Services5. Information Management

1. Situation update (1-3 March 2023)

- Coordination out of Gaziantep as of next week. The Ankara coordination cell closed on 1 March.
- Mission conducted to Adiyaman on 1 March. Strong coordination with government authorities is expected and partners visiting Adiyaman are requested to coordinate closely with the OCHA On-Site Operations Coordination Centre (OSOCC) who oversee liaison with Sectors and partners.
- Logistics Sector in Hatay today for warehouse visits and follow-up discussions with partners on the ground.
- Next week visits planned in Kahramanmaraş on 7 March, Malatya on 8 March in view of OCHA coordination meetings. Survey on partner warehouse needs circulated by OCHA focal points in WhatsApp platforms.
- There is an inflation in prices for warehousing and transport capacity, estimated at 20% price increase.

2. Common Services – Transport

Airlift: Reminder to partners that UPS Foundation has established an airbridge from Cologne, Germany to Istanbul, Türkiye for cargo that is consigned to AFAD. Partners interested in transporting humanitarian assistance into Türkiye for donation to AFAD to support the Türkiye response can liaise with the Logistics Sector to be put in contact with UPS Foundation focal point

- Last mile delivery partners facing issues in terms of last-mile delivery at distribution points and accessing small capacity trucks to inform the Logistics Sector about challenges faced. At present, no major constraints have been faced by partners.

3. Common Services – Storage

- North West Syria (NWS): MSUs can be made available for partners in NWS whose storage was impacted by the earthquake. Specific needs to be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- Türkiye: ongoing review of common storage space, 6 km from the centre of Hatay..
- Assessment of storage gaps in Kahramanmaraş planned for 6 March and Malatya for 7 March.
- In Adiyaman, 5 MSUs are being installed by WFP representatives in coordination with government authorities. Partners can request free-to-user storage directly from the deputy governor's office by contacting Cuneyt Zor at +905347483621.
- Action Against Hunger (AAH) has a tent of 240 m² in Antakhia for WASH and hygiene-related activities. AAH also has a tent in Hatay. Hot food distribution is done at community level as well.

4. Common Services – Cross-Border Services

- The Humanitarian Notification System training session was delivered today.
- Procedure for notification was sent to all UN focal points on 1 March. Requests are to be sent out at least 72 hours in advance. Partners must respect the notification procedure closely.
- Some UN agencies do not have a predictable overview of their pipeline during this first phase of the emergency response, and face difficulties in respecting the 72 hours window rule. UNMM and Logistics Sector to discuss bilaterally how to proceed.
- Should any organisation wish to dispatch humanitarian cargo to NWS via TRC, they are requested to notify the TRC border relief team one day before dispatch. TRC operates on all border crossings.
- UN border crossing points are fully functioning in Bab al-Hawa, Bab al-Salam and Al Ra'ee. The UNSCR provisions only apply to Bab al-Hawa border crossings, the other two were exceptionally opened in the frame of the earthquake response. Logistics Cluster staff is present at these border crossings on those days in which cross-border services are carried out.
- 536 UN trucks entered NWS through the three crossing points since activities resumed on 9 February.
- Commercial border crossings operational for non-UN partners: Bab al-Hawa, al-Hamam, Bab al-Salam, Al Ra'ee, Jarablus, Tal Abyad, Ras Alain.

5. Information Management

- The [Türkiye/Syria Earthquake - Situation update #4](#) has been published online
- Meeting minutes for [Ankara](#) and [Gaziantep](#) coordination meetings on 28 February 2023 were published online
- Sub-national coordination meetings are being organized by OCHA in Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Adiyaman and Hatay. Partners wishing to attend these meetings can do so by contacting OCHA focal points.
- A list of needs for logistics support is being prepared by Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure at central level and will be shared with partners as soon as finalised.

[The next Coordination Meeting takes place on 7 March 2023.](#)

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