Meeting Minutes, 04 April 2023

Syria Operation, Qamishli

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LOCATION	Qamishli (in-person and online)
DATE	04 April 2023
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster Coordinator
PARTICIPANTS	Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East – Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (GOPA - DERD), Premiere Urgence Internationale (PUI), Terre des Hommes (TDH), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Norwegian Red Cross (NRC) , United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP)
AGENDA	1. Logistics Cluster Services – Earthquake response update 2. North-West Syria (NWS) updates 3. Jordan cargo updates 4. Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) update 5. Logistics Cluster strategy on free storage services in Qamishly 6. Any other business
ACTION POINTS	Logistics Cluster to liaise with OCHA the status of upcoming cross line convoys.

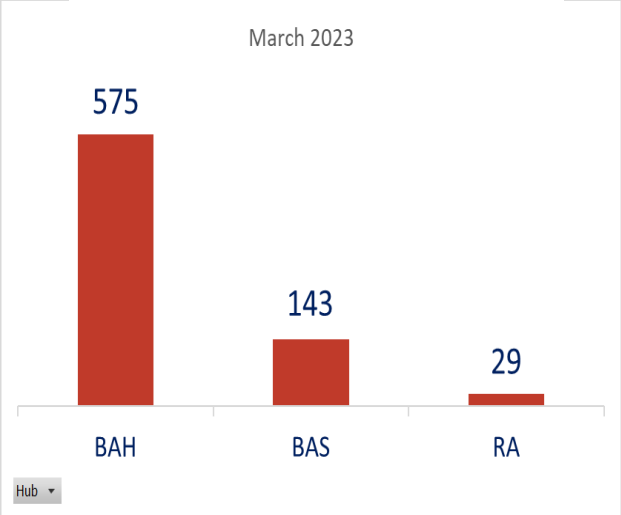
1. Logistics Cluster Services –Earthquake response update

- During the response to the earthquake timeframe, the Logistics Cluster provides free-to-user common services to partners involved in the earthquake response, based on availability.
- A common free-to-user warehouse facility is available in Qamishli (1,600 m²) to facilitate onward movement to further destinations.
- For the earthquake-affected areas in Nort-West Syria (NWS), the Logistics Cluster can avail non-managed Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to humanitarian organisations upon request which will be treated on a case-by-case basis, based on availability. To date, the Logistics Cluster has provided 4 MSUs to 2 partners.
- For the earthquake-affected areas in rural Aleppo, rural Damascus and Lattakia, the Logistics Cluster can avail free-to-user managed warehouse space in WFP-managed warehouses upon request, based on availability.

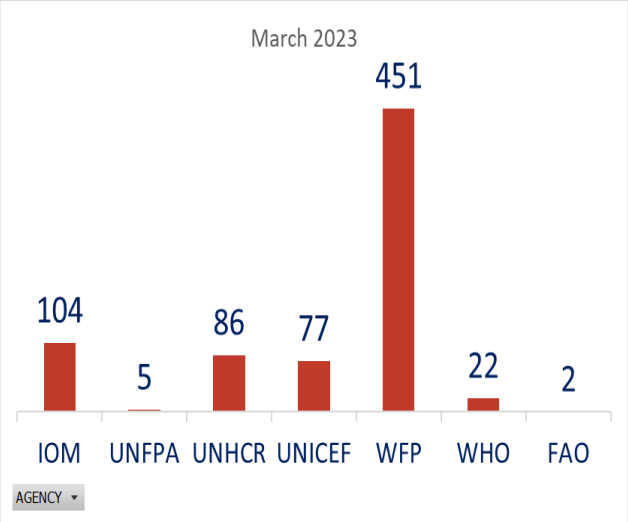
2. North West Syria (NWS) updates

- During the month of March 2023, 747 Trucks crossed from Türkiye to North West Syria (NWS), via the Bab Al-Hawa (BAH), Bab Al-Salam (BAS), and Al Ra'ee (RA) border crossings. A breakdown of the trucks per border crossing is provided below:

Number of trucks per border crossing



Number of trucks per agency



3. Jordan cargo updates

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated access to transport services and provided Facilitation Letter (FLs) to Ephrem Patriarchal Development Committee - EPDC for the first shipment of the Jordanian unsolicited cargo. Three trucks with total of 38.5 MT/322 m^3 were sent from the WFP Kisweh warehouse to Aleppo on behalf of EPDC. The cargo consisted mainly of Shelter and Food items.
- The Logistics Cluster is still following up on daily basis with EPDC to obtain the health FLs for the medical items of this shipment related to the Jordanian unsolicited cargo.
- The Logistics Cluster is in contact with Terre des Hommes -TDH IT (INGO) and OCHA to facilitate the approvals from Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC). The unsolicited Jordanian cargo misses the necessary product descriptions, cargo items have different expiry dates and quantities, and there is need for repackaging from TDH IT. To support the repackaging, the Logistics Cluster agreed to donate 150 pallets to TDH IT.
- Medical supplies at Aleppo warehouse are still to be picked up by a partner for distribution. WFP distributed the food items, but the warehouses still contain Health and Shelter items. The current volume is 5 MT and the Logistics Cluster can support in transporting these items to earthquake-affected areas.

4. Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) update

- Two fuel requests from WHO were received for a total of 8000 litres.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the release of 30 m^3 of Shelter items in the Aleppo warehouse on behalf of UNFPA.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated access to storage services in the Aleppo warehouse for 151 m^3 of Wash/Shelter items on behalf of Norwegian Red Cross (NRC).

5. Logistics Cluster strategy on free storage services in Qamishli

- Free-to-user storage services in Qamishli were launched in 2014 based on gaps identified at that time.
- Amount of cargo stored over the years was 9,127.8 MT/ 50,808 m^3 of various items.
- The Logistics Cluster is on mission to Qamishli re-evaluate the service, given the various options to allocate storage facilities.
- Humanitarian partners are requested to abide to the Government of Syria (GoS) designated geographic area for warehouse contracting.
- 12 partners (UN, INGOs, and NNGOs) have used the facility.
- On the other hand, the satisfaction rate for the common services provided for 2022 (including (Qamishli) scored 53% as good, while 32% scored as satisfactory and overall Logistics Cluster satisfaction lies at 89%.

6. Any other business

- OCHA mentioned that their field offices are ready to assist in receiving unsolicited cargo, especially in the earthquake-affected areas of Aleppo, Hama, and Lathakia.
- OCHA mentioned that more supplies are entering Syria from Jordan, and these are being received by GoS or Syrian Arab Red Cross (SARC).
- OCHA plans to organize an inter-agency convoy to Tal Abyad in Al Raqqa province if the permissions are granted. The mission will focus on multi-stakeholder assessment and the delivery of humanitarian assistance in Ras Al-Ae'en and Tal Abyad. There is a need for cross-line missions to take place once a month.

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