Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response Operation

Logistics Sector Meeting - Gaziantep, Türkiye

13 June 2023

LOCATION	Online/Gaziantep, Türkiye
DATE	13 June 2023
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster Officer
PARTICIPANTS	Binaa Organization, Global Communities, Goal Organization, Horan Foundation, Humanity and Inclusion (HI), International Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent (IFRC), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Maram Foundation, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), People in Need (PIN), Relief International (RI), Sema Organization, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Programme (WFP).
ACTION POINTS	• Logistics Cluster to contact UN agencies about their prepositioning plan.
AGENDA	1. Welcome & Introductions 2. OCHA Access Working Group Updates 3. Logistics Cluster Updates: • Cross Border Operations updates. • Visits to the UN Hub in Reyhanli. 4. AOB & Partner Discussions

1. Welcome & Introductions

- The meeting attendees introduced themselves, as well as the Logistics Cluster staff working in Syria.

2. OCHA Access Working Group Updates

- OCHA representative briefed the attendees about the Cross-border Missions from Türkiye to North west Syria which included different teams from different UN Agencies.
- An Inter-agency mission comprised of different UN agencies crossed from the three border crossing points.
- The Inter-agency mission activities included engagement with authorities, engagement with communities, Coordination, Needs Assessment, and Program Monitoring.
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- The following missions crossed to Northwest Syria through the below border crossings:
  - **71** missions through Bab Al Hawa border crossing.
  - **38** missions through Bab Al Salam border crossing.
  - **7** missions through Al Ra'ee border crossing.

3. Logistics Cluster Updates

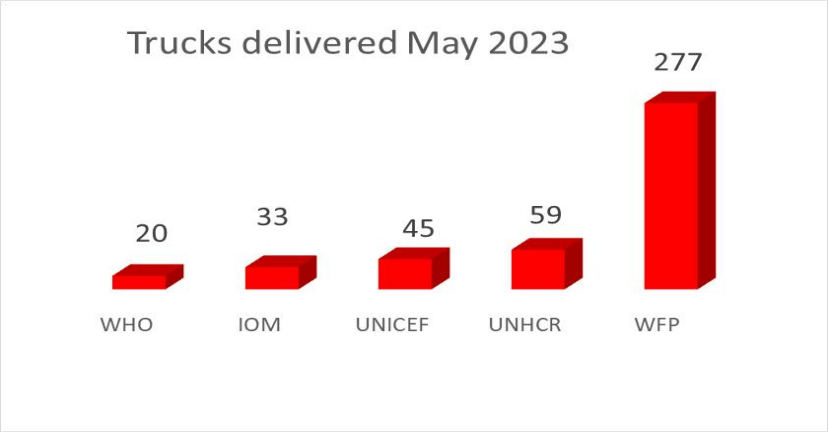
CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS

- During the last month of May, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the cross-border operation from Türkiye to North West Syria of **434** trucks carrying **8,137.6** mt of humanitarian relief items on behalf of five UN agencies, namely WHO, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, and WFP, with the support of OCHA and UNMM.

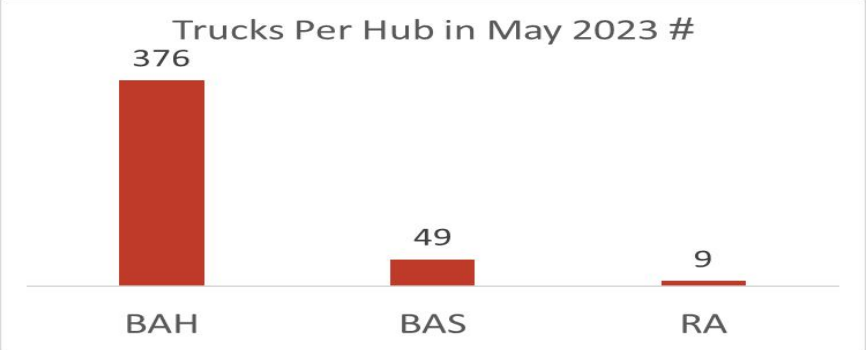
Below a breakdown of crossing per each border:

Bab Al Hawa	Bab Al Salam	Al Ra'ee
376	49	9

- The total number of the trucks per agency is below:



- The total number of truck movement per HUB/Border Crossing Point is as below:



Visits to the UN Hub in Reyhanli

- The Netherlands Ambassador and UNFPA Regional Director visited the UN Hub in Reyhanli on 3 May 2023 to observe the hub operations.
- A donor visit by the Federal Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) to the UN hub in Reyhanli on 9 May 2023.
- A Swiss delegation visited the UN transshipment hub in Reyhanli on 1 June 2023. The Delegation had an opportunity to discuss with UN Organizations and physically assess the work done by the UN agencies on ground.
- In all of the visits to the transshipment operations, visitors received a general briefing on the activities implemented on the ground by various United Nations Agencies, followed by a Q&A discussion with the partners present.

4. Any Other Business

- Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) briefed the attendees about their operations in terms of the numbers of the trucks crossing. TRC representative mentioned that their cross border activities shall continue regardless of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR). TRC mentioned also that they conducted a one-day training about their operations for the organizations working in North west Syria .
- OCHA representative mentioned that they advocate for the UNSCR to be extended for 12 months, as there is a vital need in North west Syria . They also highlighted the possibility of the operationalization of other border crossing points such as Zeytin Dali border crossing point.
- The Logistics Cluster urged the UN agencies to plan for their prepositioning plan before the end of the current UNSCR which is expected to end on 10 July 2023.
- UNICEF representative thanked the Logistics Cluster team working in the UN hub in Reyhanli in their outstanding work.

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