Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response Operation

Logistics Sector Meeting - Gaziantep, Türkiye

2 August 2023

LOCATION	Online/Gaziantep, Türkiye
DATE	2 August 2023
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster Officer
PARTICIPANTS	Action Against Hunger, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) International Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent (IFRC), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Mercy Corps - Amman, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Monitoring Mechanism (UNMM), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), United States Aid Agency - Syria, World Food Programme
ACTION POINTS	• The Logistics Cluster will initiate bilateral communication with the UN agencies to address the notification process to improve operation and coordination.
AGENDA	1. Welcome & Introductions 2. OCHA Access Working Group Updates 3. Logistics Cluster Updates: • Cross Border Operations updates. 4. AOB & Partner Discussions

1. Welcome & Introductions

- The attendees were welcomed by the new Logistics Cluster Officer for Gaziantep, Mr Phillip Makoor, who also introduced Mr Aladin Almuheemed, the new Logistics Cluster HUB manager based in Reyhanli.

2. OCHA Access Working Group Updates

- OCHA provided a Humanitarian Access Snapshot overview
- All humanitarian missions via Bab Al Hawa remain suspended pending the outcomes of the UN Security Council (UNSCR) resolution.
- 160 missions have been recorded from February 2023 to 10 July 2023, with cross-border activities re-directed to Bab Al Salam/Al Ra'ee
- Some UN agencies (OCHA and IOM) are still conducting mission and visits.

- OCHA advised agencies planning to undertake missions to Idleb to use designated routes.
- OCHA advises agencies to continue to send access constraints they encounter to improve reporting on access for agencies on ground.

3. Logistics Cluster Updates

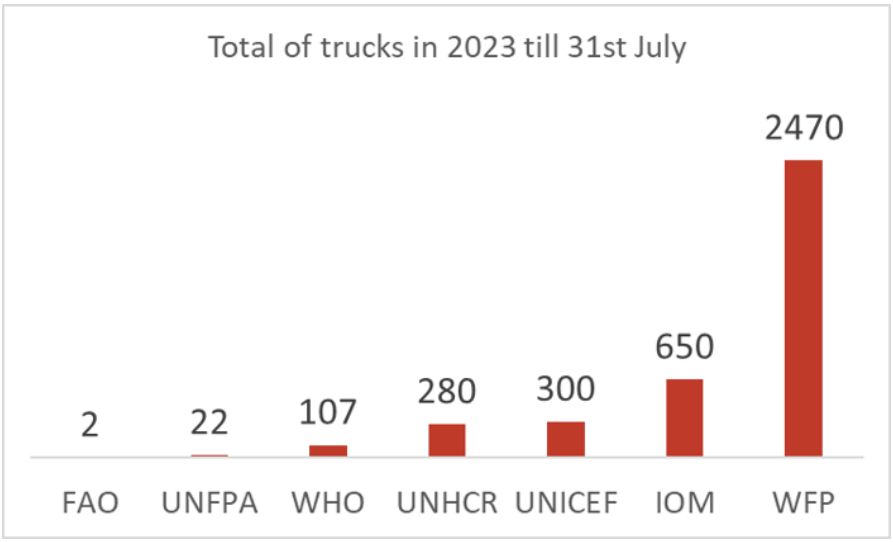
❖ CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS

- During the month of July, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the cross-border operations from Türkiye to Northwest Syria. A total of **442** trucks carrying **8,384 mt** of humanitarian relief items were facilitated to cross the border on behalf of five UN Agencies (IOM, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP) with the support of UNMM and UNOCHA.

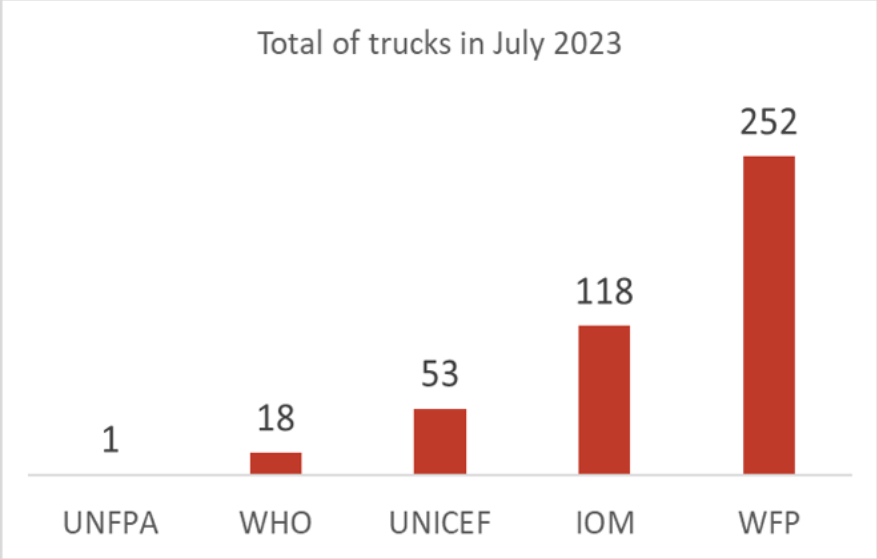
The below table provides a breakdown of the truck crossing per boarder. The below figures are for the month of July and based on data reported by agencies.

Bab Alhawa	Bab Alsalam	Alraee
300	126	16

- An Infographic of the trucks per agency is as below:



- An Infographic of the trucks movement per HUB/Border Crossing Point is as below:



- The Logistics Cluster updated partners to improve their usage of the notification process for truck crossing and movements as it is reported that a very low percentage of the truck crossings are recorded compared to actual requested numbers.

4. Any Other Business

- The Logistics Cluster noted a low notification process by agencies, leading to under-reporting of the number of trucks crossing Baba Al Salam. The Logistics Cluster proposed a bilateral update from agencies to improve overall coordination.
- One of the partners requesting access to OCHA's humanitarian snapshot was informed that updates were provided via email.
- One of the partners requested clarity on whether the UN Hub accommodation facility at Reyhanli will be operational despite the lack of UNSCR. The partner was informed that the Hub accommodation facility will be operational, and bookings are done through UN Booking Hub.
- One of the partners inquired whether the Logistics Cluster had contingency plans if the UNSC resolutions are not met. The partner was informed that the Logistics Cluster mandate is limited to the UNSC Resolution and that any other arrangements will involve commercial services. Some UN partners are already implementing commercial services.

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