

Date: 29 June 2021

Location: Jerusalem, Online

Participants

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| 1. Action Against Hunger (AAH) | 13. OXFAM |
| 2. ACTED | 14. Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO) |
| 3. Action Aid | 15. Save the Children |
| 4. Agricultural Development Association (PARC) | 16. United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) |
| 5. Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA) | 17. United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) |
| 6. European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) | 18. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) |
| 8. International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) | 19. World Food Programme (WFP) |
| 9. International Medical Corps (IMC) | 20. United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) |
| 10. (IMC) | |
| 11. KFW Development Bank | |
| 12. Médecins Sans Frontier (MSF) France | |

Meeting chaired by: **Andrea Cecchi** (National Logistics Sector Officer)
Amjad Ayesh (WFP Logistics Officer)

Action points:

1. OCHA will update on the high-level discussions with authorities regarding entry of humanitarian goods.
2. UNOPS will provide an update on the UN Deputy Representative meeting on the import of goods/items.
3. National Logistics Sector will share with partners: standard operating procedures (SOP) on importation and custom procedures and documentation needed, and a list of brokers to facilitate the process.
4. National Logistics Sector to contact partners regarding their supplier's database.

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Main gaps and bottlenecks
3. AOB

1. Introduction

- Andrea Cecchi will be coordinating the activities of the National Logistics Sector in the State of Palestine and will be deploying to Jerusalem shortly.

2. Main gaps and bottlenecks

- Partners raised some of the bottlenecks facing the delivery of humanitarian aid. These include delays in custom clearances, and issues with coordinating transport services with WFP, lead agency for the national logistics sector. OCHA is conducting discussions with authorities, but the process is slow.
- Partners are waiting to see if the process will change with the new administration.
- One partner raised the need to visit the Kerem Shalom border crossing and Ashdod port for an assessment. Specifically, for the possibility of handling temperature-sensitive cargo.
- Partners reported facing several issues regarding delays in emergency cargo entering through Israel and the Kerem Shalom crossing in Gaza due to lengthy technical assurance procedures. In some cases, authorities are requesting a sample of each item entering Gaza. Partners requested updated information on the requirements by authorities.
- The National Logistics Sector will share with partners an update on the requirements and minimum standards of each product category entering Gaza by authorities.
- The Gaza Reconstruction Mechanism (GRM) is facilitating the entrance of humanitarian cargo into the Gaza Strip. Partners are lobbying to lift the Gaza blockade.
- The UN Deputy Representative will hold a meeting on the import of humanitarian cargo under the Emergency Appeal.
- Last week, some fuel, food, and sanitation items were delivered. This is a positive indication of the improving situation.
- One partner indicated that the GRM has several shortcomings, specifically being more beneficial to international agencies and not equally sporting national NGOs and local agencies.
- Partners also raised the issue of high prices in purchasing NFIs from Egypt to go through the Rafah border-crossing. Prices have tripled.
- Partners are also facing delays in authorization and custom clearance when delivering humanitarian cargo through the airport. One partner reported a 45-day delay at the airport despite the provision of the right documentation for health items.
- Partners requested standard operation procedures (SOPs) on importation procedures and required documentation, and a list of brokers that can facilitate.
- The National Logistics Sector and WFP, as lead agency, will conduct a Logistics Capacity Assessment and will contact partners to share their supplier database. The results will be shared with all partners and published on the operational webpage.

In case of any logistics gaps, questions, or issues, please do not hesitate to contact the National Logistics Sector:

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