Highlights

**Joint Crisis Coordination Centre (JCC)**
- Preparations have started to conduct and deliver an intensive training in warehouse operations and management for Directorate of Migration and Crisis Response (DMCR). The training will be arranged and facilitated by WFP Country Office with the aim of providing a hands-on experience to DMCR warehouse team in managing daily operations. The Logistics Preparedness Officer will support WFP team in developing the necessary materials for the training and providing the necessary guidance.
- As part of DMCR storage capacity augmentation, WFP CO is considering donating Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to DMCR, in addition to the MSUs that were previously donated by WFP and the Global Logistics Cluster (GLC). The goal of this additional MSU donation would be to accommodate the increase in demand for additional storage space at the logistics centres and ongoing logistics operations, based on the outcome of the assessment mission to DMCR.

**Joint Coordination and Monitoring Centre (JCMC)**
- The outcome of the Log.IE introductory meeting was documented in a report and shared with GLC IM unit and Log.IE manager for revision and release. The report is planned to be translated into Arabic and published on the GLC preparedness website for public access. The initiation of the Log.IE learning programme is in process and the official launch is expected soon, after the meeting report is cleared.
- The Outcome of the Gaps Analysis Workshop (GAW) was reported in a comprehensive report, translated to Arabic, and shared with JCMC for final review. The agreed and discussed points during GAW were reported in the report along with the developed plan of action. The report and plan of action will serve as a reference and a guide for future activities.
- During the 4th quarter of 2021, the focus was on finalizing the fact finding and capacity assessment stages as well as developing a clear plan of action, agreed upon by all the stakeholders. The outcome of the GAW workshop and the plan of action were endorsed by stakeholders during an endorsement meeting that took place on December 19, 2021. The meeting was arranged and facilitated by GLC, WFP, and a government partner (JCMC).
- Prior to the endorsement meeting, the developed plan of action was shared with the senior management at JCMC to be reviewed and endorsed. Accordingly, the endorsement meeting was agreed upon, and the list of invitees from relevant government and humanitarian sides were developed.
Background

The Field-based Preparedness Project (FBPP) activities in Federal Iraq region was initiated during the third quarter of 2020 after having met and discussed with the main stakeholders to build sustainable partnership. Through official channels, a request for participating in the FBPP was sent to Joint Coordination and Monitoring Centre (JCMC) and a positive feedback was received. The project introductory meeting was held in February 2021 aiming to introduce the project scope and planned activities. Following the meeting, intensive fact-findings and capacity mapping activities were conducted as part of context discovery phase of the project. Fact-finding activities paved the way for the preparedness endeavours to be deployed and served as a foundation for the two-day Gap Analysis Workshop that took play in September and benefited from a wide participation from both the government and the humanitarian community. After having identified, through group discussions, challenges and bottlenecks and developed recommendations and activities, the Plan of Action was elaborated. During the closing of the workshop, a synthesis of the findings and upcoming activities were provided to the attendees. Currently, the work on developing the Plan of Action final draft is ongoing, and preparations for a meeting to present it to the government and humanitarian stakeholders have started. Meanwhile, discussions for implementing the Logistics Cluster Information Exchange Platform (Log.IE) were initiated and strong interest and commitment were manifested by JCMC. A plan was therefore developed to train the JCMC Information Management Officers at headquarters level, as they will subsequently train their governorates counterparts in using Log.IE. An introduction meeting was conducted in the beginning of September to introduce the platform as well as to agree on future activities and learning programmes, consisting of five steps starting from basic to advanced level. Furthermore, preparations for conducting a Context Discovery workshop have started by identifying key stakeholders and planning workshop activities. Furthermore, another discussion to implement Log.IE in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) was held during a meeting with the Head of Erbil Directorate of Migration and Crisis Response (DMCR) in the end of September. It was confirmed that the required resources needed to manage the platform are available and that details regarding main facilities within the Erbil Governorate may be embedded to the platform.

As part of WFP CO initiatives for augmenting and strengthening government capacity, a field mission was conducted to KRI to assess logistics capacity for Joint Crisis Coordination Centres (JCC) and their government counterpart in Dohuk - Directorate of Migration and Crisis Response (DMCR). The Logistics Preparedness Officer joined the field mission supporting WFP initiatives and building a communication channel with authorities in Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI). The field mission focused on assessing the current logistics structure at the logistics centres, staffing capacity, storage space management. The field mission outcomes identified a couple of areas which will be tackled in the 1st quarter of 2022.

Coordination

- Several coordination meetings with JCMC took place to identify key and relevant FBPP stakeholders from both the government and humanitarian sides. These stakeholders were invited to the Action Plan Endorsement Workshop. The meetings also aimed to prepare JCMC focal points for presenting and facilitating discussions of specific thematic areas during the meeting.
- Meetings with WFP CO Preparedness and Response Unit to discuss cooperation. The CO is interest to link Capacity Strengthening activities to current Field Base Preparedness Project.

Information management

- The Global Logistics Cluster IM and Log.IE teams supported the revision of Log.IE and Gap Analysis Workshop reports.
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