LOCATION: Damascus
DATE: 9 February 2022
CHAIR: Logistics Cluster


ACTION POINTS:
- Logistics Cluster to share date of initial INGO Procurement Working Group (PWG) meeting.
- Logistics Cluster to undertake assessment of logistics assets needs among partners.
- Logistics Cluster to share End of Year Survey presentation.

AGENDA:
1. Logistics Cluster Updates
2. Coordination
3. Fuel
4. AOB

1. Logistics Cluster Updates

Staffing
- Patrick Baudry joined the Logistics Cluster in January as Whole of Syria Coordinator.

Crossline Mission to Northwest
- An inter-agency mission was planned for January 2022 to transport humanitarian assistance crossline from Aleppo to the northwest with the participation of WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO and UNFPA.
- Approvals to move forward with the mission were not received by all relevant authorities and the mission is postponed until further notice.

Northeast
- The conflict in the northeast led to access challenges for humanitarian organisations.
- On 29 January, 28 trucks transporting humanitarian supplies that were stranded en route to Qamishli arrived at their destinations.
- As of 31 January, a curfew between 18:00 and 06:00 is in place in Hassakeh.
• This allows the free movement of humanitarian assistance and to date no further delays have been reported.

**Humanitarian Response Plan – Logistics sector**
• The Logistics Cluster provided partners with a brief update on the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC) process.
• WFP has submitted its proposal within the HPC module and final official approval from the cluster lead agency (CLA) will be made by 23 February.

**2. Coordination**

**INGO-led Procurement Working Group (PWG)**
• Several Damascus-based INGOs raised again the desire to establish a working group that addresses procurement-related issues.
• One organisation agreed to take the lead in establishing the group in September 2021.
• During the meeting it was agreed that INGOs should come together to discuss and agree upon the scope of work of the group.
• The lead organisation will share a date for this initial meeting with the Logistics Cluster, who will in turn share for further dissemination.
• INGOs were informed there is an Operations Support WG for INGOs operating in the northeast where supply chain issues can be discussed. Partners interested in obtaining information should contact the Logistics Cluster.

**Pooling resources and sharing assets**
• During the meeting, organisations highlighted the benefit of sharing logistics capacities to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the response.
• While direct delivery modalities cover largely most organisations’ needs, many raised ad-hoc needs for logistics services.
• Members voiced interest in pursuing this possibility further for the Syria operation.
• Partners requested the Logistics Cluster to undertake a rapid survey to assess partner interest in the exercise.
• Partners were reminded that WFP also offers various logistics services on cost-recovery as well and can contact CO SYR BSP Logistics for further information: co_syr_bsp_logistics@wfp.org

**3. Fuel**

• The Logistics Cluster provided partners with a recap of WFP’s actions taken as preparedness and contingency for any shortage in the availability of diesel in-country.
• WFP held a second meeting with the Deputy Minster of Petroleum in January 2022.
• WFP, on behalf of the whole humanitarian community, communicated a monthly need of 500,000 litres of diesel.

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• This figure is based on the Logistics Cluster needs assessment conducted in April 2021.
• WFP is currently replenishing its diesel stocks.
• WFP’s total diesel storage capacity in Syria is 372,000 litres.

Diesel Prices
• The current diesel situation is stable across the country, with no reports of transportation delays due to fuel availability.
• National Formal Market Average up to December 2021 stood at SYP 500 per Litre.
  o Northeast Formal Market Average: SYP 100 per Litre
• National Informal Market Average up to December 2021 stood at SYP 2,700 per Litre. This represents a 29% increase over June 2021.
• For a full breakdown, please refer to the WFP Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) data here.

4. AOB

End of Year User Survey
• The Logistics Cluster presented the findings of the end of year user satisfaction survey to partners.
• The full presentation will be shared with partners via partners for their information.
• The overall satisfaction rate for 2021 was 89%.

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