Ukraine Emergency
Situation Report #1
As of 01 March 2022

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- The Logistics Cluster has deployed a Coordinator as well as two Operations and one Information Management Officer in Rzeszow, Poland.
- The Logistics Cluster Cell is currently doing a logistics capacity assessment to strategize and implement the transport of humanitarian relief items into Ukraine from neighbouring countries. The Concept of Operations has been endorsed by partners and published on 01 March 2022.
- A common storage location in Rzeszow, Poland, has been secured and will be made available for partners by Friday, 4 March 2022. Arrival of cargo before Friday can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- Inland transport solutions to move humanitarian cargo from Poland (Rzeszow) to Ukraine (Lviv) are currently being assessed. Partners are encouraged to share any transport capacity-related information with the Logistics Cluster.
- Active outreach to partners is conducted to advocate for a coordinated approach and map capacity for the regional response.
- The Ukraine operation webpage is now online.
- The next coordination meetings will take place on Thursday 3 March 2022 at 10:00 (Poland) and 15:00 (Ukraine). And last minutes may be accessed here.

1. Overview

Following weeks of heightened tensions and escalating conflict in eastern Ukraine, on 24 February, Russian troops entered the country. After three days of intense clashes across certain parts of Ukraine, the number of civilian causalities and damage to critical infrastructure are growing, triggering severe humanitarian consequences on people in the hardest-hit areas. This increasingly intense conflict threatens to trigger a humanitarian catastrophe in Ukraine as well as in neighbouring countries that are already seeing a massive influx of people fleeing hostilities. Furthermore, the ongoing hostilities are causing a major disturbance on logistics infrastructure and supply chain in general. As regular supply of basic commodities is severely disturbed or interrupted, alternative avenues must be identified to provide people in need with life-saving assistance. In this context, the Logistics Cluster is striving to set-up a comprehensive cross-border logistics response – starting with Poland – to allow the humanitarian community to efficiently deliver aid.

2. Assessments, Gaps & Bottlenecks

Assessments

- The Logistics Cluster is assessing the current status, condition and capacity (customs importation and clearance) of entry points into Ukraine from Hungary, Moldova, Romania, and Slovakia are being explored and discussed with partners at global level.
- Below are the (biggest) entry points between Poland and Ukraine:
  - Yahodin - Dorohusk
  - Ustiluh – Zosin

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https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a
The Logistics Cluster is currently assessing the available local storage capacity in the Rzeszow area on top of the storage space already secured.

**Customs procedure:**

- For the importation of humanitarian cargo into Ukraine via neighbouring countries, contracting clearing agents is highly recommended to apply relevant customs and importation rules and regulations as the cargo should only transit the neighbouring countries before entering Ukraine as final destination.

- The Government of Poland has issued guidance for humanitarian organisations planning to send humanitarian cargo to Ukraine. The dedicated website can be consulted and appointed officials can be contacted at pomagam.ukrainie@mf.gov.pl. A comprehensive information note is available [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a).

- For the English translation of the Newsletter “Information on the possibility of applying reliefs from import duties on goods imported into Poland from third countries as part of humanitarian aid for Ukraine war refugees arriving in Poland” please check [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a)

- More information may also be found on the IMPACCT Group website.

- Due to the volatile situation, customs regulations are subject to changes on short notice.

**Gaps & Bottlenecks**

- Partners are encouraged to reach out and share resources (e.g. storage space, transport solutions). The Logistics Cluster is developing mechanisms to eliminate duplication of service delivery to address gaps and to increase the effectiveness of humanitarian response by building partnerships.

- Transport main challenges currently include:
  - Most Polish transporters are not willing to cross the border into Ukraine due to growing insecurity and inadequate insurance coverage.
  - Ukrainian transporters are unable to get into Poland due to conflict-related restrictions limiting their outwards movements.

- Krakow and Rzeszow airports authorities have been reached out by WFP aviation as a significant amount of cargo is expected to arrive in-country in the coming days. Rzeszow airport’s storage area may quickly be congested.
  - The possibility to transport cargo from Rzeszow to Lviv using railway is currently considered. The relevant authorities have been contacted and the feasibility is under evaluation. The main challenge is the availability of staff on Ukrainian side.
  - Ukrainian airspace remains closed to passenger and cargo flights.

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3. Logistics Services

All logistics services requests must be submitted through the Service Request Form (SRF). Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Transport and Storage capacity (March 1, 2022) are also available online for interested partners. For cargo request please contact: poland.corridorcargo@wfp.org

- **Storage:**
  - A common storage location in Rzeszow, Poland, has been secured and will be available for partners as of Friday, 4 March 2022. Requests for storage before Friday may be considered as of now on a case-by-case basis.
  - A common storage space has been identified in Lviv, Ukraine. More information will be shared in the next coordination meetings.

- **Transport:**
  - Inland transport solutions to move humanitarian cargo from Poland (Rzeszow) to Ukraine (Lviv) are currently being assessed.

4. Information Sharing

- Partners are invited to send any inquiry and/or logistics information to Alexandre Austin (alexandre.austin@wfp.org).
- Partners willing to get updated information from the Logistics Cluster in Ukraine may:
  - Subscribe to the mailing list: [HERE](#)
  - Join the dedicated Ukraine WhatsApp group: [HERE](#)
  - Join the dedicated Poland WhatsApp group: [HERE](#)

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