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9 March 2022

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Global Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
- Partners are encouraged to visit the dedicated Logistics Cluster country page to get the latest logistical information: https://logcluster.org/ukr22a
- Partners are asked to fill out the geographic area of interest questionnaire using the following link: UKRAINE - Global Logistics Cluster mailing list Sign-up Form (wfp.org).

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1. Concept of Operations

- Logistics Cluster Support Team staff are deployed to Krakow and Rzeszów in Poland, Bucharest in Romania and a dedicated support team for the operation established in Rome. An assessment mission to Moldova is also scheduled. The Ukraine Logistics Cluster Coordinator, Andre Hermann has deployed to Lviv, Ukraine.
- Main logistics challenges and bottlenecks identified to date:
  - Visibility on availability of serviced warehouse space along with operators
  - Operational transporters are not exclusively engaged in transporting humanitarian cargo at present.

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- Bottlenecks at the border between Poland and Ukraine, particularly associated with the congestion of non-assigned contributions at the border.
- Fuel availability in Eastern Ukraine remains to be assessed, while it is clear that in Western Ukraine some fuel stations are closed at present. Prices have increased considerably.
- Identification of available suppliers willing to transport humanitarian cargo is ongoing.
- There is still potential for competition for limited/available logistics infrastructure resources.
- Organisations report challenges with lack of familiarity with customs and importation procedures.
- Continued limited humanitarian access to and within Ukraine.
- Continued limited visibility on organisations’ pipeline, both actual and planned.

Main objectives:
- Share information to ensure a coordinated humanitarian logistics response.
- Assess, identify and address logistics gaps, and ensure the set-up of an uninterrupted supply chain of humanitarian assistance.
- Foster and lead a coordinated logistics response to make the best use of available resources.

The Logistics Cluster remains available to facilitate the cargo flow if there is a further need for support to partners.

2. Response Overview

- To date, one consignment has been transported to Lviv, and approximately 535 MT (2,342 m³) have been requested thus far through the Polish corridor.
- There is currently unbonded warehouse availability in Rzeszów, Lublin, and Warsaw. The warehouse in Warsaw can provide cold chain storage. The service provider has made a request to the Polish customs authority to extend their current bond from other facilities to the warehouse in Rzeszów. Initial feedback is that, while there are emergency waivers for import-related customs processes, there is currently no emergency waiver for the revision of existing bonds, so the process is following the standard channel and timeline.
- Logistics Cluster partners are currently assessing alternative logistics capacities at airport level, in particular in Katowice.

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3. Information Sharing

- Regional level:
  - Upstream needs in terms of airlift possibilities and upstream transportation requirements are currently being assessed.
  - Andre Hermann is in Lviv as Logistics Cluster Coordinator, while each neighbouring country will have a Deputy Logistics Cluster Coordinator as coordination lead as and when needed.
  - IMPACCT has organised a Q&A session on customs procedures on 11 March with the involvement of customs officers from each neighbouring country for them to provide customs-related clarifications to all partners directly.

- Poland:
  - The Polish government recommended air cargo is not sent through Rzeszów airport due to high cargo influx.
  - There is possible additional space from other service providers if needed around Rzeszów, although warehousing facilities remain underused at present.
  - The Logistics Cluster is currently looking into one-stop-shop possibilities at the Rzeszów warehouse.

- Ukraine:
  - Advocacy efforts for a dedicated cargo “fast lane” at the Polish border (and others) is ongoing – trucks leaving Ukraine to collect or return from delivery of humanitarian cargo are delayed in the congestion at the border.
  - The warehouse in Lviv has started receiving cargo.
  - Planning is underway for assessments of the logistics situation further east, including Vinnytsia and Dnipro.

- Romania and Moldova:
  - The Logistics Cluster focal point is liaising with partners in Romania and Moldova to input to rapid Logistics Capacity Assessments (LCA); as well as working on a gaps and needs analysis, and facilitating sharing relevant information with partners present in the countries.

4. Common Logistics Services

- Poland:
  - Cold-chain facility in Warsaw.
  - Storage services, including handling in/out, secured in Rzeszów.
  - Storage services, including handling in/out, secured in Lublin.
  - Cargo consolidation in Rzeszów for coordinated movements to the Ukrainian border.
  - Road transport from hubs in Poland to Lviv (Ukraine)

- Ukraine:
  - Storage services, including handling in/out, secured in Lviv.
5. Non-Addressed Contributions

- There is a huge volume of Non-Addressed Contributions (NACs) which are arriving from across the EU, and points beyond. These shipments are not necessarily linked to a consignee and create congestion at the border crossing points, particularly in Poland.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator highlighted the challenge of NACs and proposed a potential mitigating strategy. Existing capacity in terms of volunteer workforce and relevant workspaces could be organised in order to enable effective delivery. A possible solution would be to coordinate the capacities of various stakeholders. For example, an organisation to receive NACs, then sift and categorise them, and finally repack the appropriate items into ‘transport-ready’ units (pallets), taking responsibility for the type and condition of the contents. If needed, the Logistics Cluster service facilitation could be requested as normal by the organisation(s), by raising an SRF with identified consignee (and providing other relevant paperwork), whereupon the Cluster would include the properly packaged and ready cargo in the normal movements across the border to Lviv hub.

6. Access to Common Logistics Services

- Services available as per the latest Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps):
  - How to access and request the Services: Ukraine - Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) - Transport and Temporary Storage, March 2022 | Logcluster
  - Service Request Form: Ukraine - Service Request Form, February 2022 | Logcluster
  - User instructions: Ukraine - Service Request Form (SRF) – User Instructions, October 2017 | Logcluster
  - Unit guidelines: Ukraine - Unit Identification Guidelines, November 2017 | Logcluster

7. Partners Information Request

- Rapid LCAs are ongoing in Poland, Ukraine, Romania and Moldova with the support of partners as well as LET members. Forms are available for consolidation of consistent information.
- Partners are encourage to complete the following survey with information on their pipelines and areas of geographic interest for improved consolidation and sharing of information and to ensure the ConOps accurately reflects the partner needs.

8. AOB

- Partners wishing to be added to the mailing list and share logistics-related information and requests, to contact: UKR.GL@wfp.org
- Ukraine-specific distribution list: ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org
- For Service Requests, please contact: poland.corridorcargo@wfp.org
- Romania-specific distribution list: romania.logisticscluster@wfp.org

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