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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Logistics Cluster has continued to exchange information and provide updates to partners through a series of Logistics Cluster coordination calls at Global, Poland, and Ukraine level.
- Logistics Cluster Support Team staff are deployed to Ukraine (Lviv), Poland (Krakow, Rzeszów), and Romania (Bucharest). A dedicated support structure established in Rome.
- Logistics Cluster partners may access common warehouse and transport services in Warsaw, Lublin, Rzeszow, and Lviv.
- Fuel Relief Fund and WFP are conducting assessments of the fuel related capacities and potential partner needs.
- Constantly evolving hostilities necessitate agility and regular adaptation of the Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations.
- Partners willing to receive updated information from the Logistics Cluster in Ukraine may subscribe to its mailing list.
- Elaborated by OCHA, comprehensive overview of the humanitarian response for the Ukraine crisis is available here.

1. Overview

As the situation enters its third week, the human cost of the conflict continues to mount and humanitarian situation in Ukraine becomes increasingly more dire with each passing day¹. While the roll-out of assessments is greatly restricted by lack of access and growing insecurity, the Humanitarian Country Team estimates that around 12 million people – nearly 30 per cent of the population – require life-saving humanitarian assistance. Ongoing hostilities – now reaching the outskirts of Lviv – have already caused major disturbances on logistics infrastructure and supply chain. 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.

2. Assessments, gaps, bottlenecks

- Ongoing hostilities continue to hamper the free movement of relief items. Efforts are ongoing by OCHA and
 involved stakeholders to coordinate access to key locations inside Ukraine. The Logistics Cluster is working
 with OCHA and involved parties to develop procedures for facilitation of truck transportation into and inside
 Ukraine in readiness for the potential implementation of this modality.
- Partners have reported difficulties to fulfil the growing needs for vehicles and drivers to transport cargo from western to eastern Ukraine.
- Reports continue to be received that border crossing points (BCP) between Poland and Ukraine are prone to congestion. Furthermore, the hitherto "preferred" status of the Korczowa-Krakowiec BCP has been reconsidered due to the high volume of non-humanitarian cargo and latest developments in the conflict within Ukraine. In the table below, BCP 1 and 4 are <u>currently</u> considered to be the preferred crossing points for humanitarian cargo. Partners are encouraged to continue sharing their experiences at the different BCP. Partners are also reminded that the situation is dynamic, and itineraries should be evaluated on a case-bycase basis.

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ВСР	Name	Name (Ukrainian)	Comment
1	Dorohusk-Jagodzin	Дорогуськ-Ягодзін	Designated by both GoP and GoU as Humanitarian Crossing Point
2	Dolhobyczów- Uhrynów	Долгобичів-Угринів	Road limited to 3.5 mt
3	Zosin-Ustyluh	Зосін-Устилуг	Passenger Traffic Only
4	Hrebenne-Rawa Ruska	Гребенне-Рава Руська	Proposed by GoU as transit point for humanitarian cargo. Discussion ongoing with GoP for reciprocation
5	Korczowa- Krakowiec	Корчова-Краковець	Designated by GoP as Hum XP
6	Medyka-Szeginie	Медика-Сегінє	Rail (Mostyska Przemysl) and Road (Shehyni Medica)
7	Budomierz- Hruszew	Будомир-Грушів	Road limited to 3.5 mt
8	Krościenko- Smolnica	Крощенко-Смольниця	Rail (Khirov Krostenko) and Road (Smilnytsia Krostenko) up to 7.5 mt
LogIE Ukraine (logcluster.org)			

• Customs and importation:

- The Logistics Cluster is actively coordinating with the relevant actors to advocate for simplification of customs/importation procedures. Different options are currently contemplated to address this challenge.
- o An informative meeting took place with the <u>IMPACCT Working Group</u> on Friday 11 March. A follow-up call will be organised the week of 14 March.
- o For customs-related queries, partners are invited to contact impacct.2021@gmail.com.
- Due to the volatile situation, customs regulations are subject to changes on short notice. More information will be shared soon in that regard.
- The Ukrainian State Border Guard Services (SBGS) continues to speed up the clearance of humanitarian aid entering the country. On 11 March, SBGS cleared more than 800 vehicles carrying humanitarian aid, bringing the total number of vehicles transporting humanitarian relief supplies into Ukraine cleared by SGBS to nearly 7,000 since 24 February.
- Fuel Relief Fund and WFP are conducting assessments of the fuel related capacities and potential partner needs. Their primary evaluation indicates that, whilst the fuel supply remains a concern, there is, for the time being, no widespread shortage throughout the country that could significantly impede the delivery of humanitarian supplies in-country.
- As Rzeszow airport is increasingly congested, partners are recommended to identify alternate points of entry for humanitarian air cargo into Poland.
- Ongoing discussions are taking place between the Logistics Cluster and relevant actors regarding the possibility to include railway transportation into its Concept of Operation, taking into account the humanitarian principles.
- Options to store and transport the temperature-sensitive cargo are subject to ongoing assessment in both Poland and Ukraine. The Logistics Cluster is closely collaborating with UNFPA in that regard. Partners are invited to share their specific needs for the logistics services to potentially be adapted accordingly.

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- The Logistics Cluster Support Team has been working with partners to identify the common gaps and needs in Romania and is currently collaborating with WFP counterparts in Moldova.
- The Logistics Cluster is seeking to elaborate Logistics Capacity Assessments (LCA) for Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Moldova, Slovakia, and Hungary. In order to compile partners' inputs, they will soon be invited to share the information they may have.

3. Coordination

For pragmatic and convenience-of-partners reasons, the Poland corridor coordination meetings will now
jointly be chaired by the Logistics Cluster and UNHCR Sector. The Cluster session convened and led by WFP,
the Sector session convened and led by UNHCR². Modalities for this collaboration are being fine-tuned and
shall be communicated with the Logistics Cluster partners in due course.

4. Logistics Services

The Logistics Cluster is now able to facilitate common services in several locations across Poland and Ukraine.

Storage:

- Storage spaces are available in:
 - Poland (Warsaw, Lublin, and Rzeszow)
 - Ukraine (Lviv)
- o More storage space across Ukraine will be secured soon.
- o Temperature-controlled items can be stored in the Warsaw and Lublin warehouses.

Transport:

o Road transportation is available to Lviv from all storage hubs in Poland.

- o Onwards transport solutions from Lviv are currently being explored.
- A WFP-contracted fleet of trucks and exclusively dedicated to the transport of humanitarian cargo is currently being secured. Being the Logistics Cluster's provider of last resort, WFP will allocate as much space as necessary for the Logistics Cluster to address the identified gaps and perform the common transport services he is mandated for.

² In accordance with the Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) <u>guidance note</u>, Clusters coordinate the operational response for IDPs and other affected groups, excluding refugees, whilst UNHCR Sectors coordinate the operational response for refugees. With a view to facilitating the operational efficiency of partners involved in logistics, especially those engaging in cross-border activities, and building on the Colombia precedent, it has been agreed to operate the **Logistics Cluster and Sector in a so-called "back-to-back" manner**, whereby the respective Cluster and Sector remain distinct and separate, led by WFP and UNHCR respectively.

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5. Information management

- Partners are requested to share any information available on their cargo pipelines and response with the
 Ukraine Logistics Cluster Support Team to enable operational planning and address the Humanitarian
 Country Team's (HCT) call for visibility and transparency. On 8 March, the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC)
 reiterated that the leadership team expected Cluster Coordinators to report daily on assistance delivered
 and status of pipelines that OCHA will consolidate.
- To request a logistics service, a Service Request Form (<u>SRF</u>) must be submitted as early as possible to request. The guidance document may be found <u>here</u>.
- A coordination cell has been set-up in Romania. Partners currently being based there or planning to operate
 out of Romania are invited to liaise with Patrick Sautron (Logistics Cluster Coordinator,
 patrick.sautron@wfp.org).
- With effect from 14/03/22, the Logistics Cluster Support team in Krakow will move to other premises. A humanitarian co-working space will be available for partners to use, from Monday to Friday (08:30 16:30).
- Partners willing to receive updated information from the Logistics Cluster in Ukraine may:
 - Subscribe to the mailing list: <u>HERE</u>
 - o Join the dedicated Ukraine WhatsApp group: HERE
 - Join the dedicated Poland WhatsApp group: <u>HERE</u>

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