Ukraine Emergency
Situation Report #4
As of 21 March 2022

⚠️ HIGHLIGHTS

- Responding humanitarian organizations may access Cluster-managed Common Transport and/or Storage services in Poland (Warsaw, Lublin, and Rzeszow) and Ukraine (Lviv, Chernivtsi, Vinnytsia, Kyiv, and Dnipro).
- Ukraine Logistics Cluster Support Team staff are deployed to Ukraine, Poland, Romania and Moldova; with additional remote support from the Global Logistics Cluster Support Team in Italy (WFP HQ).
- Information continues to be exchanged by responding humanitarian organizations through the Ukraine Logistics Cluster, including via: coordination meetings, a dedicated website, mailing list and WhatsApp groups (see below for additional details).
- OCHA has shared an updated overview of the humanitarian response for the Ukraine crisis, available here.

1. Overview

**BORDER CROSSINGS & CUSTOMS**

- The Ukraine Logistics Cluster support team is coordinating with the relevant actors to advocate for simplification of customs/importation procedures. Due to the volatile situation, customs regulations are subject to changes on short notice. Updates will be shared when relevant and available.
- The IMPACT Working Group is available to answer questions related to import/export and transit customs clearance for Ukraine and neighboring countries (please contact them at impact2021@gmail.com); they have also scheduled an information session for Wednesday 23 March (the invitation will be shared with the Ukraine Logistics Cluster mailing list).
- Reports continue to be received that border crossing points (BCP) between Poland and Ukraine are prone to congestion. Specific updates per BCP are:

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<th>Border Crossing Point (BCP) Name</th>
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<td>Dorohusk-Jagodzin</td>
<td>Recommended/Preferred; designated by the Governments of Ukraine (GoU) and Poland (GoP) as a “Humanitarian Crossing Point”</td>
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<td>Dolhobyczów-Uhrynów</td>
<td>Recommended/Preferred; road limited to 3.5 mt</td>
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<td>Zosin-Ustyluh</td>
<td>Recommended/Preferred; passenger traffic Only</td>
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<td>Hrebenne-Rawa Ruska</td>
<td>Recommended/Preferred; proposed by the GoU as a “Transit Point” for humanitarian cargo; discussions ongoing with GoP for reciprocation</td>
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<td>Korczowa-Krakowiec</td>
<td>Designated by GoP as as a “Humanitarian Crossing Point”</td>
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<td>Medyka-Szeginie</td>
<td>Rail (Mostyska Przemysl) and Road (Shehyni Medica)</td>
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<td>Budomierz-Hruszew</td>
<td>Road limited to 3.5 mt</td>
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<td>Krościenko-Smolnica</td>
<td>Rail (Khirov Krostenko) and Road (Smlynysia Krostenko) up to 7.5 mt</td>
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The recommendation to use the Korczowa-Krakowiec BCP has been reconsidered due to the high volume of non-humanitarian cargo, and latest developments in the conflict within Ukraine. Alternative BCPs should be considered if possible.

The two border crossings: Korczowa and Dorohusk were designated by the Polish Government for humanitarian cargo (simplified customs procedure can be used); however, Hrebenne remains a “Transit Point” for humanitarian cargo.

Responding humanitarian organizations are encouraged to continue to share updates on BCPs, and are reminded that: the situation is dynamic; the information consolidated here is not comprehensive, and is offered for general awareness/planning purposes only; and, they should verify the status of any BCP they are planning to use directly with their transport service providers.

TRANSPORT

- Ongoing hostilities continue to hamper the free movement of humanitarian cargo (i.e. aid material and support equipment) and OCHA continues to coordinate with involved stakeholders to improve access to key locations inside Ukraine. The Ukraine Logistics Cluster support team is working to consolidate technical inputs for any inter-agency mechanism that facilitates the movement of humanitarian cargo into and inside Ukraine.
- Responding humanitarian organizations have reported difficulties to meet their expanding needs for vehicles and drivers to transport cargo from western to eastern Ukraine.
- As Rzeszow airport is increasingly congested, partners are recommended to identify alternate points of entry for humanitarian air cargo into Poland.
- Toll Exemption: The Ministry of Infrastructure of Poland has issued an exemption from the obligation to pay tolls for driving on public roads for humanitarian vehicle or convoy. Partners can find instructions for how to access the toll exemption here. For all other countries, the IRU provides an overview of toll exemptions here.
- In Romania, on 17 March, a meeting was held with the Director of Rail Operations to explore railway cargo opportunities. The issue of the ongoing congestion at the Port of Constanta, due to the diversion of ships usually bound for Odessa, was also discussed.

OTHER

- 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.
- Options to store and transport temperature-sensitive cargo in Ukraine are subject to ongoing assessment. At present, the warehouses in Warsaw and Lublin have a temperature-controlled storage capacity.

2. Coordination

- A coordination cell has been set-up in Romania. Partners currently based or planning to operate out of Romania and/or Moldova are invited to liaise with Patrick Sautron (Deputy Logistics Cluster Coordinator, patrick.sautron@wfp.org).
- Polish Corridor Coordination Calls: For the convenience of partners, the Poland cross border coordination meetings will now be chaired by the UNHCR Logistics Sector with a standing agenda point for updates from

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the Ukraine Logistics Cluster. The first of these “back-to-back” meetings took place on Monday 21 March at 10:00.

- The Ukraine Logistics Cluster Support Team has been working with responding humanitarian organizations to identify the common logistics gaps and bottlenecks in Romania and will conduct a similar mission in Moldova in the coming weeks.

### 3. Logistics Services

- The Logistics Cluster is able to facilitate access to common services in several locations across Poland and Ukraine.
  - **Storage:**
    - Poland (Warsaw, Lublin, and Rzeszow)
    - Ukraine (Lviv, Kyiv, Chernivtsi, Vinnytsia, and Dnipro)
  - **Transport:**
    - Road transportation is available to Lviv from all storage hubs in Poland (Warsaw, Lublin, and Rzeszow).
    - Onwards transport solutions from Lviv are being offered to Kyiv, Chernivtsi, Vinnytsia, Dnipro.
    - A WFP-contracted fleet of trucks, exclusively dedicated to the transport of humanitarian cargo has been 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.
  - Temperature-controlled spaces are available in Warsaw and Lublin facilities. They are however not yet rated for storage of pharmaceuticals.
  - To request a logistics service, a Service Request Form (SRF) must be submitted as early as possible to request. The guidance document may be found here.
  - Association Internationale de Coopération Médicale (AICM) has a 1,400 sqm warehouse in Poltava and a 700 sqm warehouse in Odessa it is willing to share with the humanitarian community. Both have temperature-controlled spaces. Furthermore, in close collaboration with local authorities, AICM network of volunteers and affiliates are in capacity to coordinate, receive, and organise humanitarian distribution in several locations in Ukraine. Partners are invited to contact ccarrer@aicm.eu and Christophe Vial (aicm.christophe@aicm) should they require further information.

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