HIGHLIGHTS

- Responding humanitarian organisations may access Cluster-managed common transport and/or storage services in Ukraine (Chernivtsi, Dnipro, Kyiv, and Lviv) and Poland (Lublin and Rzeszow).
- Ukraine Logistics Cluster Support Team staff are deployed to Ukraine, as well as Moldova, Poland, and Romania.
- A Request for Proposals has been launched, calling on humanitarian organisations who would be willing and able to provide logistics services through the Cluster Approach in Ukraine to respond (please see details further below).
- Information continues to be exchanged by responding humanitarian organisations through the Ukraine Logistics Cluster, including via coordination meetings as well as dedicated website, mailing list, and WhatsApp groups (UKR, POL, ROM).
- OCHA has shared an updated overview of the humanitarian response for the Ukraine crisis, available here.

1. Overview

CUSTOMS

- On 22 March, the Government of Ukraine issued a resolution amending the rules for delivering humanitarian aid from abroad:
  
  The only document now required for goods clearance is a declaration indicating the consignor, consignee, the place where goods will be unloaded, and type of relief delivered. In addition, the provision of the list of goods to be recognised as humanitarian aid has been cancelled; no additional procedure is required to import goods declared as humanitarian aid. Furthermore, 14 European countries have agreed to a permission-free transit of humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Further details can be found here in the highlights section.

- The IMPACCT Working Group is available to answer questions related to import/export and transit customs clearance for Ukraine and neighbouring countries (it may be contacted at impactc.2021@gmail.com). Its last information session was hosted on Wednesday 23 March. Partners can access the recording through this link using the password “Customs2022!”.

  NOTE: Due to the volatile situation, customs regulations are subject to changes on short notice. Updates will be shared when relevant and available.

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.

- In view of future inter-agency convoys that will be organised out of Dnipro (Ukraine), the Logistics Cluster will be consolidating humanitarian cargo in its Dnipro warehouse.
  
  o Given that the OCHA notification process may be triggered on very short notice, partners are encouraged to preposition their cargo in Dnipro, ready to be unloaded for downstream distribution.

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Prior to each movement, partners will be contacted to indicate what prepositioned cargo they want to include once specific distribution point, date, and time are decided by the dedicated Inter-Agency Working Group.

Convoys will be clearly marked, notified, and accompanied by the proper inter-agency safeguards and mechanisms. The trucks will be a dedicated humanitarian fleet managed by the Logistics Cluster.

Should partners be interested in prepositioning humanitarian cargo in Dnipro for future convoy movements, please indicate so in the “Comments” section of the Logistics Cluster Service Request Form (SRF).

- 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](https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a). For all other countries, the IRU provides an overview of toll exemptions [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a).

**STORAGE**

- The warehouse in Lviv is currently congested. Partners with cargo already there are encouraged to move it downstream, closer to their operations inside Ukraine. To further reduce congestion, partners are only able to use the storage for a period of two weeks and must strictly follow the established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

- Partners are still able to request storage space in Lviv by submitting a SRF. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on current space availability and cargo prioritisation (as per the Humanitarian Country Team’s guidance). Please note that, to help better manage the cargo flow, the notification time to submit an SRF has been increased from 48 to 72 hours notice prior to needing storage.

- Options to store and transport temperature-sensitive cargo in Ukraine are subject to ongoing assessment. At present, only the warehouse in Lublin has an available temperature-controlled storage space.

**OTHER**

- As the latest fuel assessments suggest the fuel situation in Ukraine is becoming more volatile, partners going into Ukraine are advised – when possible – to plan in advance for the return trip consumption.

- The Logistics Cluster continues with the partner mapping activities in Ukraine and encourages partners to complete this [five-minute survey](https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a). This survey will enhance understanding of partners’ current activities/capacities in Ukraine in order to further adjust the Logistics Cluster support to the humanitarian community.

- A Request for Proposals has been launched, calling on humanitarian partners who would be willing and able to provide fully managed logistics services in Ukraine on behalf of the Logistics Cluster regarding the following:
  - Storage and transport of medical grade commodities and cold chain items in and round major hubs;
  - Managed storage locations for NFIs in remote locations inside of Ukraine;
  - Cargo pick-up and last mile delivery of NFIs for partners throughout Ukraine.
  - All partners are requested to express their interest by 8 April 2022. Interested parties should contact karolina.greda@wfp.org and kelly.bradley@wfp.org.

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2. Coordination

- Coordination cells have been set-up: Ukraine, Poland, and Romania/Moldova. For a comprehensive overview of the Logistics Cluster set-up in the Ukraine response, please refer to the Concept of Operations’ map.
- 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 the Ukraine Logistics Cluster. The second of these “back-to-back” meetings took place on Monday 28 March at 10:00.

3. Logistics Services

- The Logistics Cluster is able to facilitate access to common services in several locations across Poland and Ukraine.
  - **Storage:**
    - Poland (Lublin and Rzeszow).
    - Ukraine (Lviv, Kyiv, Chernivtsi, and Dnipro). Vinnytsia is yet to be confirmed.
  - **Transport:**
    - Road transportation is available to Lviv from all storage hubs in Poland (Lublin, and Rzeszow).
    - Onwards transport solutions from Lviv are being offered to Kyiv, Chernivtsi, and Dnipro.
    - A WFP-contracted fleet of trucks, exclusively dedicated to the transport of humanitarian cargo – and marked as such – 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.
  - 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 scarrer@aicm.eu and Christophe Vial (aicm.christophe@aicm) should they require further information.

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