LOCATION: Gaziantep, Turkey

DATE: 8 April 2022

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster


ACTION POINTS:
- UN Agencies to share transhipment forecasts to June 2022.
- The Logistics Cluster will share the Good Practice Guide for Road Rehabilitation via the mailing list.
- The Logistics Cluster will share the official communication on exportation ban exemption.

AGENDA:
1. Logistics Cluster Updates
2. Physical Access
3. Customs Update
4. AOB

1. Logistics Cluster Updates

Transhipment
- The Logistics Cluster presented UN transhipment achievements to date. For the cumulative 2021 infographic please see [here](https://logcluster.org/ops/syr12a).
- The Logistics Cluster noted a decrease in the number of trucks transhipped in period between January, February and March 2022, compared to the same period in 2020 and 2021.
- WFP, who makes up 80% of the total number of trucks transhipped through the UN transhipment hub, explained that a series of converging factors have led to this decrease, including supply-related issues, fuel costs and export bans.
- WFP explained it will be going back up to around 150-180 trucks per week from mid-April 2022.
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- The Logistics Cluster runs the hub three days a week to reduce exposure to potential COVID-19 risks. However, the Logistics Cluster will explore increasing operational days should truck transhipment needs change.
- UN Agencies to share transhipment forecasts to June 2022 with the Logistics Cluster to facilitate planning.

Transhipment Figures
- In March 2022, a total of 756 United Nations trucks were transhipped through the cluster transhipment hub at Bab al-Hawa.
- In March 2022, 616 trucks used TRC transhipment services.

Staffing
- The Logistics Cluster briefed partners on the latest updates regarding changes to the staffing structure of the Logistics Cluster’s cross-border operation.
- For all transhipment related matters, partners may contact Levent KUCUKASLAN: levent.kucukaslan@wfp.org.

2. Physical Access

Physical Access
- ERL and Logistics Clusters informed partners about the collaboration between ERL, Logistics and other clusters in ensuring information, data and action is undertaken to ensure physical access for the movement of humanitarian assistance and workers is maintained.
- The Logistics Cluster will continue to support through information management and advocacy as access continues to be a key inter-sectoral issue.

Road Rehabilitation
- In line with this, ERL and Logistics clusters announced the finalisation of the Good Practice Guide for Road Rehabilitation for northwest Syria.
- The guide was developed by the Road Rehabilitation Working Group through inputs from over 30 humanitarian partners of both the ERL and Logistics clusters to inform and establish a shared understanding on good practices for road rehabilitation specifically for the northwest of Syria.
- The practice guide includes distinctions on emergency, medium and long-term road rehabilitation interventions; environmental and health inputs; in-camp vs out-of-camp interventions; road hierarchy and traffic; and seasonality considerations.
- The Logistics Cluster will share the finalised Good Practice Guide for Road Rehabilitation via the mailing list.

Emergency Road Rehabilitation
- The Logistics Cluster and Early Recovery (ERL) Cluster have agreed that for 2022 onwards, emergency road rehabilitation activities will fall under ERL from now on.
- The Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2022-23 now reflects this.

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UNDP and Maram announced they will be presenting their winter emergency road rehabilitation activities, including achievements and lessons learned at the next Logistics Cluster coordination meeting.

For more information, please see the below online live reporting on ERR progress:

- UNDP/Binaa Online Live reporting on emergency road rehabilitation
- Maram Foundation Online Live reporting on emergency road rehabilitation

### 3. Customs Update

#### Vegetable Oil

- On 9 March 2022, the Government of Turkey banned the exportation of certain food commodities including vegetable oil.
- WFP liaised with the Turkish authorities, customs, and suppliers to obtain a humanitarian exemption for the exportation ban.
- This exemption came through on 7 April 2022, exempting UN agencies, ICRC and I/NGOs from the ban.
- The Logistics Cluster will share the official communication on the exportation ban exemption via the mailing list.

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