Highlights

- In the first quarter of 2022, the Preparedness Officer conducted various bilateral meetings with the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) of Tajikistan, the lead agency of the National Logistics Preparedness Working Group (NLPWG). The discussions focused on the development of a draft Concept Note for the national logistics information sharing platform, and the findings of the Capacity Needs Mapping (CNM) exercise conducted in December 2021. The latter will lead to further development of a logistics preparedness action plan to support strengthening of the national humanitarian logistics capacities.

- In February, CoES Focal Points have been appointed for the overall preparedness actions including the development of the national logistics information sharing platform. Series of on-site warehouse assessments were also undertaken by CoES representatives to collect data and assess the capacities and needs of storage facilities in Tajikistan.

- In March, a NLPWG quarterly meeting was conducted to discuss logistics preparedness activity updates and way forward based on the CNM findings, followed by a training for CoES and NLPWG members on Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) Installation and Warehouse Management to enhance their understanding on warehouse management principles and good practices.

Background

Based on risk indices and national-level logistics performance and capacity indicators, in 2020 Tajikistan was identified as one of the country candidates for the Global Logistics Cluster’s Field-Based Preparedness Project. The primary aim of the Project is to support and empower national actors to strengthen their capacity to autonomously prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises. A key element of this is the facilitation of a coordinated approach towards improving the resilience of local humanitarian supply chains and supporting effective information exchange.
between the government, national actors, and the private sector, to ensure all actors are well prepared for joint humanitarian logistics responses. In the event of a large-scale disaster event, should the Government of Tajikistan request international humanitarian assistance, the Global Logistics Cluster capacities can support national actors in facilitating a coordinated response.

In March 2021, a Preparedness Expert was deployed to Tajikistan to commence the process of mapping national logistics capacities and stakeholders. He worked with national counterparts to socialise the system’s capacity strengthening framework and approach as well as assist them in the identification of a Capacity Outcome Statement, which will guide subsequent capacity strengthening initiatives based on the identified local needs. A national Preparedness Officer was then recruited and came on board in July 2021 to ensure the smooth handover of Project activities and continuous engagement with the national stakeholders.

In the final quarter of 2021, the National Preparedness Officer conducted various meetings with CoES and NLPWG members to strengthen the humanitarian logistics preparedness through coordination and logistics information sharing. In line with the Institutional Capacity Strengthening (ICS) approach, a piloted Capacity Needs Mapping (CNM) exercise was conducted with a CoES Working Group in September, and in December, another CNM exercise was conducted with CoES, NLPWG members, and representatives of the private sector to discuss existing capacities of the Humanitarian Supply Chain & Logistics (HSC&L) system and identified gaps and challenges that hamper the system.

**Coordination**

- On 15 March, the NLPWG members gathered in the quarterly meeting to discuss updates and next steps on logistics preparedness activities including warehouse assessment, customs, and the Capacity Needs Mapping (CNM) findings on existing capacities of the national Humanitarian Supply Chain & Logistics (HSC&L) system. The CNM results indicate a strong need for, and importance of, the enhancement of the national logistics coordination mechanism both during emergencies and at stable time to strengthen disaster resilience of national stakeholders. This information will contribute to the development of a national logistics preparedness action plan, which will be brainstormed and discussed in the next quarterly NLPWG meeting.

- Between January-March, the Preparedness Officer conducted several bilateral meetings with CoES and the NLPWG members to discuss and prepare the content for the draft logistics preparedness action plan based on the CNM findings and to develop a Concept Note of the national logistics preparedness information sharing portal, which has been highlighted as critically required as per the CNM results.

- In February, the stock prepositioning list has been completed and translated into Russian. This stockpile data is to be converted into an online format and integrated to the logistics information sharing platform. CoES and WFP, with support of the FBPP, conducted series of on-site warehouse assessments in February and March to collect data and assess the capacities and needs of storage facilities in Tajikistan. The goals of this activity were to identify needs in response capacity and to contextualise the preparedness action plan based on the warehouse assessment findings.

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Following the series of warehouse assessments highlighted above, FBPP facilitated a Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) Installation and Warehouse Management training for CoES and the NLPWG members on 16 March. The training was delivered by WFP to orient national stakeholders on warehouse management principles and standard practices. There will be further discussion with CoES on establishing or improving a warehouse management training curriculum and standard operating procedures (SOPs) to enhance overall management of storage facilities for humanitarian relief items in the country.

**Information management**

- Between January-March, CoES focal point and the Preparedness Officer jointly developed a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the national logistics information sharing portal that will enhance national stakeholders’ access to relevant logistics information to support operational decision-making during emergencies and preparedness activities in time of peace and stability. The draft is currently being reviewed by various stakeholders and will be presented to the NLPWG members in the next quarterly meeting.

- The quarterly report and infographic updates on the FBPP implementation between October-December 2021 have been published and are now available on the [Tajikistan Preparedness Webpage](https://logcluster.org/preparedness/tajikistan). Key documents are also available in Russian.

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