Meeting Minutes, 6 July 2022
Ukraine, Lviv

LOCATION
Lviv, Ukraine (online)

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
• The Logistics Cluster to update partners on fuel information.
• The Logistics Cluster to continue to compile inputs on border crossing information.
• The Logistics Cluster to provide findings on the Gaps and Needs Analysis Exercise.
• Partners are asked to share their incoming pipelines with the Logistics Cluster to support operational planning.
• Partners are encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster on current challenges, as well as to propose topics and potential presentations for coordination meetings.

AGENDA
• Fuel Update
• Border Crossing Points (BCP) and Seaports Update
• Gaps and Needs Analysis Exercise – Findings
• Warehouse Capacity Mapping
• HI-Atlas Logistique Update
• AOB

1. Fuel Update

• WFP provided a fuel update, noting that fuel shortages are remaining in the eastern part of the country. Of particular note is a reported lack of diesel in Dnipro.

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WFP is working with national suppliers to meet the organisation’s fuel needs, as well as those outlined by the humanitarian community. Fuel cards have been successfully procured from one supplier and conversations are ongoing with two other national supplier.

Partners in need of fuel can obtain this on a full cost-recovery basis via WFP. To access the service, humanitarian organisations will be required to sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) and pay the full amount upfront. The fuel will be offered in the form of fuel cards at dedicated fuel stations in Dnipro, Kyiv and Kropyvnytskyi, and potentially Odesa.

Interested organisations can contact katja.hildebrand@wfp.org. Humanitarian organisations requiring less than 1,000 L per month are recommended to procure the fuel commercially.

International suppliers show limited interest to import fuel into Ukraine or have excessive transport fees. However, WFP is still exploring international supply options in order to establish a fuel supply pipeline.

2. Border Crossing Points (BCP) and Seaports Update

The Logistics Cluster provided an update on border crossing situation, noting that the waiting time to cross the border into Ukraine is expected to reduce as a result of the abolition of customs exemptions in Ukraine.

It was mentioned that Korczowa-Krakovets border crossing point has been reorganised, and is dedicated to heavy transport only.

Movement of buses out of Ukraine through Korczowa-Krakovets border crossing point is still suspended due to the reorganisation of processes. Zosin and Budomierz border crossing points are conducting trials with crossing of vehicles up to 7.5t.

Partners were informed that regular railway connection has been opened from the Gdansk (Poland) container terminal into Ukraine through the Medyka border crossing.

Gdansk port authorities are reporting to have no congestions. Meanwhile, Constanta Port (Romania) is reported to be congested due to the increase of cargo incoming from Ukraine.

The Logistics Cluster continues to monitor the situation and provide humanitarian organisations with the information on procedures and processes. For more information or to provide updates, please contact: ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org.

3. Gaps and Needs Analysis Exercise – Findings

The Logistics Cluster conducted a Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA), which is a consultation with focal points of agencies with humanitarian logistics operations in country to assess common logistics gaps and bottlenecks, and adapt the cluster strategy accordingly.

The GNA found that there were agencies with existing logistical capacity in Ukraine; however, the link of international relief items to distribution locations in a context where the supply chain had been seriously disrupted is identified as a gap.
The Logistics Cluster has been providing core information management (IM) and coordination support since the outset of the response. The initial focus was on operational info such as borders, customs and how to access services, and support the mitigation of issues such as fuel and border congestion. It has been found that the number of people interested in attending coordination meetings remains high despite a reduction of services, which indicates that IM and coordination efforts are still valuable.

Regarding storage, it was identified that most agencies now have warehousing solutions in place, and the demand has diminished. The exception is a remaining high demand for storage for cargo destined for hard-to-reach areas in Dnipro.

Similarly to warehousing, most agencies now have transport solutions in place with a decrease in demand from the Logistics Cluster. Again, the exception is for distribution to hard-to-reach areas from Dnipro.

Nine key challenges for the future were identified by respondents. Dealing with the local markets, supply planning, storage and transport planning, border congestion, logistics professionals, passenger transport, fuel scarcity, and access constraints. Supply routes are unlikely to simplify, but the need will increase with the ongoing conflict and winterisation needs.

For future support of the Logistics Cluster, it was noted that partners are interested in engaging more with information management and coordination support, while common service provision is still demanded in and around hard-to-reach areas and for ad hoc requests from partners with limited supply chain expertise.

The full GNA report will be published in the coming week.

**Strategy adjustment**

Based on the findings of the GNA, the Logistics Cluster will increase IM products and coordination efforts, increase common services for hard to reach areas, and decrease common services for cross-border logistics and in the west of the country.

The following storage locations will be discontinued:

- Chernivtsi (ends 30 July)
- Ternopil (ends 30 July)
- Lviv (ends 30 August)
- Rzeszow, Poland (ends 30 August)

The following locations will no longer offer transport services after 30 July:

- Chernivtsi
- Lviv
- Ternopil
- Vinnysia
- Rzeszow, Poland
4. Warehouse Capacity Mapping

- The Logistics Cluster provided an overview of humanitarian storage capacity. Information has been collected through a pilot warehouse survey launched as part of the Logistics Information Exchange (LogIE) platform. The survey collects information on current storage capacities of humanitarian organisations responding to the Ukraine crisis, and complements efforts related to the GNA exercise.
- According to the survey, a total of 27 humanitarian partners have reported on 81 warehouses. The highest capacities are reported in Dnipro and Lviv (16,300 – 27,146 m²).
- Partners are invited to continue filling in the survey. The Logistics Cluster is planning to launch a public interface soon, displaying partner warehouses which are available for sharing to support the efficient use of resources.

5. HI-Atlas Logistique Update

- HI-Atlas Logistique presented a brief overview of their operations. The organisation has increased shipments to hard-to-reach destinations from Dnipro, including last mile deliveries to Kharkiv, Kramatorsk, Bakhmut, Soledar, Toretsk, Druzhkovka, Dnipropililla, Nikopol, Zaporizhia, Ivanivske, Poltava, Irpin, Korioukivka.
- HI-Atlas Logistique is providing access on a free-to-user basis to warehouses in the following locations:
  - Vinnytsia: 1,300 m² for storage and kitting, with 150 m² for cold chain (15°C to 25°C), and 67 m³ of refrigerated container space (2°C to 8°C/15°C to 25°C).
  - Dnipro: 3,000 m²; 134 m² for cold chain storage).
  - Kharkiv: 1,500 m² for cross-docking and kitting, with 67 m³ of refrigerated container space (2°C to 8°C/15°C to 25°C).
- Interested partners can contact HI-Atlas Logistique directly: c.perron@hi.org; m.vidon@hi.org; b.michon@hi.org

6. AOB

- Partners noted that the fuel situation within Ukraine has improved over the last ten days.
- The next Dnipro Coordination Meeting will be held on 13 July in-person and online; an invite will be sent via the mailing list. Partners can subscribe to the mailing list through the Ukraine Logistics Cluster webpage.
- Organisations are encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster on current challenges, as well as to propose topics for coordination meetings. For further information on this or the Logistics Cluster activities, please contact ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org

The next coordination meeting will take place on 20 July 2022 at 16:00 UTC+3 (online).
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