Meeting Minutes, 13 July 2022
Ukraine, Dnipro

LOCATION
Dnipro, Ukraine (online and in person)

DATE
13 July 2022

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
• Partners interested in sourcing fuel through WFP’s Bilateral Service Provision to contact katja.hildebrand@wfp.org.
• Partners are asked to share their incoming pipelines and logistics needs with the Logistics Cluster to support operational planning, particularly for winterisation.

AGENDA
1. Fuel Update
2. Gaps and Needs Analysis Exercise – Findings
3. HI-Atlas Logistique Update
4. Information Exchange
5. AOB

1. Fuel Update

• WFP provided a fuel update, noting that fuel shortages are remaining in the eastern part of the country. Especially, the lack of diesel is reported in Dnipro.
• 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 suppliers.
• 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 a small amount per month are recommended to procure the fuel commercially.

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• 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. 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 can be found here.

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:
  o Chernivtsi (ends 30 July)
  o Ternopil (ends 30 July)

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The following locations will no longer offer transport services after 30 July:
- Chernivtsi
- Lviv
- Ternopil
- Vinnytsia
- Rzeszow, Poland

3. HI-Atlas Logistique Update

HI-Atlas Logistique presented a brief overview of their operations. The last shipments organised were from Dnipro to hard-to-reach areas: Kramatorsk, Bakhmut, Zaporizhiia, Ivanivske, Mykolaiv and Kharkiv.

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: 3000 m2; 434 m2 for cold chain storage – operational from 20 July.
- Kharkiv: 1500 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

4. Information Exchange

Warehouse 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.

Logistics needs

To support operational planning, the Logistics Cluster asked partners to share incoming pipelines and storage and transport needs, including information on final destinations, volumes and timeframes. This

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is particularly important for the winterisation scale-up, especially if requiring additional storage/transport services. For more information, please contact Ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org.

- Partners are reminded to submit Service Request Forms (SRFs) to the following email: Ukraine.clustercargo@wfp.org. Instructions on how to submit an SRF can be found here. While requests made for transport should be submitted at least 72 hours in advance, the Logistics Cluster will consider urgent requests on a case-by-case basis.
- Partners were reminded that common services are facilitated through the Logistics Cluster according to the SOP, available on the website.

5. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster can share a list of commercial suppliers bilaterally. Interested partners can contact Ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org.
- A Logistics Cluster Dnipro coordination group was set up in WhatsApp. To join the group, please forward your request to: Ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org.

The next National Coordination Meeting will be held on 20 July (online only); an invite will be sent via the mailing list.

The next coordination meeting in Dnipro will take place on 27 July 2022 at 16:00 (online and in person)

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