LOCATION
Gaziantep, Türkiye (in-person and online)

DATE
1 July 2022

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Ataa Relief, Binaa, Care, Dunya Doktorlari, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Ghiras Alnahda, Global Communities, Goal, Hihfad, Horan, Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), Malteser International, Maram Foundation, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF-Belgique), Muzun, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), People In Need, Pointline, Relief International, Sema, Solidarités International, Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS USA), Syria Relief and development (SRD), Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Welthungerhilfe, World Food Programme (WFP).

AGENDA
1. Logistics Cluster Updates
2. WFP Updates
3. Prepositioning Plan
4. AOB

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1. Logistics Cluster Updates

- The number of trucks sent through the border via the UN/Transhipment has increased since the beginning of the operations until 2020 when 12,082 trucks were sent. In 2021 this number decreased to 9,567. For the current year it is still too early to compare the figures as the year is not finished yet and operations will restart in a few weeks provided that the UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) is renewed.
- The Logistics Cluster Coordinator based in Damascus is expected to leave the operation mid-July. He will be tentatively replaced as of end of July.
- A number of other positions are vacant, both in Syria and Türkiye, and recruitment processes are ongoing.
- The Logistics Cluster will resume its systematic collect of information to produce up-to-date physical access constraint maps. Several partners (Binaa, Maram Foundation, and UNDP) flagged their willingness to be involved in the process. Ad hoc meetings will be organised accordingly.

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2. WFP Updates

- WFP Security Officers provided partners with information, including:
  - Safety measures in the Rehyanli hub
  - General information on monitoring of security and safety
  - Risks related to the UNSCR vote consequences
  - COVID-19 mitigation measures implemented in the transhipment hub. As a result of the measures implemented since the beginning of the pandemic, the Logistics Cluster has been able to operate the hub without interruption.

3. Prepositioning Plan

- WFP completed its prepositioning plan except for a few trucks that were delayed to form the last convoy, scheduled on 8 July, before the end of the UNSCR 2585 period. The convoy will be filmed by the DRHC media team for advocacy purposes.
- UNFPA has also completed its prepositioning plan and UNHCR about to do so with remaining eight trucks of family tents.

4. AOB

- Regarding the future of the UN transhipment hub:
  - In case of UNSCR renewal, operations will continue as usual.
  - In case of non-extension, several options were discussed:
    - TRC to take over the operation. They mentioned that they are ready to do so but would need to be supported by a consortium of NGOs/INGOs in order to be fully operational.
    - INGOS to take over the operation. No partner has demonstrated willingness so far.
    - Private sector to take over the operation. This option has been dismissed amidst transparency and commitment to humanitarian principles concerns.
  - In the event of a solution to be reached, the Logistics Cluster could support the transition.
- Regarding customs issues, it has been reported that partners are no longer facing problems as previous bans on exportations were lifted.
- Binaa, Maram Foundation, and UNDP presented the insights, challenges, and lessons learnt on the Emergency Road Rehabilitation activities they conducted during winter 2021-2022.

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The next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be held on 2 August 2022.

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