Meeting Minutes, 3 August 2022

Ukraine, Kyiv

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Kyiv, Ukraine (online)

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
ACAPS, Caritas, Candy Group, Danish Red Cross, DG ECHO, DTGruel, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), FHI360, GOAL, Global Communities, HI-Atlas Logistique, International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Organisation of Migration, International Medical Corps, Maersk, MEBS Global, Medical Teams International, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), OM Ukraine, Polish Medical Mission, Save the Children, ShelterBox, Soleterre, Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University, Terre des hommes (TDH), United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organisation (WHO).

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.
- Partners interested to take part in the Logistics Cluster induction trainings are asked to reach out: Ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org.
- To improve information management, partners are requested to share what kind of information they would like to receive from the cluster.

AGENDA
1. Logistics Cluster Operation Overview
2. Border Crossing Point Update
3. WFP – Fuel Update
4. HI-Atlas Logistique Update
5. Partner Update: Vostok SOS
6. Information sharing
7. AOB & Discussion

1. Logistics Cluster Operation Overview

- The Logistics Cluster published the revised Concept of Operations (ConOps) as of 1 August, which can be found on the Logistics Cluster website.

https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a
The Logistics Cluster closed its services in Ternopil and Chernivtsi as well as the overland transport from Poland since 31 July. Storage services in Rzeszow and Lviv will be discontinued after 31 August.

If partners have an urgent request to store cargo before the closure of these warehouse locations, it may be considered on a case-to-case basis.

Inland transport from Kyiv, Odesa, Kropyvnytskyi and Dnipro will continue to hard-to-reach areas. The Logistics Cluster also facilitates access to storage services in these locations. A reefer container with the capacity to store commodities under temperature control is available in Dnipro.

The Logistics Cluster has coordination cells in Kyiv and Dnipro and will have a Logistics officer in Odesa as of 8th August.

Partners based in Kyiv are encouraged to meet with the Logistics Cluster bilaterally or to visit the Logistics Cluster general coordination meetings in-person in Kyiv.

The Logistics Cluster uses a dedicated fleet available in Dnipro to support inter-agency convoys to hard-to-reach areas. The cluster is also considering different options to expand the dedicated fleet.

Inter-agency convoys are coordinated by OCHA and decisions on upcoming locations are made by the Humanitarian Operational Planning Cell (HOPC). Therefore, partners interested to participate in inter-agency convoys should contact Ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org, and the Logistics Cluster will forward your request to be included in HOPC meetings.

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for storage and transport services can be found here.

The Service Request Form (SRF) should be submitted to the following email: Ukraine.clusterCargo@wfp.org. Instructions on how to submit an SRF can be found here.

While according to the SOP, common services should be submitted at least 72 hours in advance, the Logistics Cluster will consider urgent requests on a case-by-case basis.

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 is particularly important for the winterisation scale-up, especially if requiring additional storage/transport services.

2. Border Crossing Point Update

The Logistics Cluster provided an update on the border crossing points across the country.

The Logistics Cluster presented the analytics on the road haulage into/out of Ukraine during the last two weeks, comparing the situation on the different border-crossing points.

It was noted that in general the situation on the waiting time to enter Ukraine starts to stabilise as it takes approximately one day to pass in/out Ukraine. However, the waiting time to get out of Ukraine is up to four days which is related to the increasing of cargo export.
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- Ukrainian authorities asked to avoid the Yahodyn-Dorohusk border crossing point as the number of trucks waiting in line is extremely high.
- It was reported that in Korczhowa-Krakowie border-crossing point the movement of passenger transport is resumed as of 1 August.
- The Logistics Cluster is working together with partners to continue to monitor, assess and obtain up-to-date information on border crossing points.

3. WFP - Fuel Update

- WFP provided an update about fuel situation, noting that the limited capacity of local suppliers still remains as a challenge.
- 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 a second national supplier and are planned to be used from next week.
- An international supplier was selected to set up a supply line into Ukraine, however there is a limited capacity of international suppliers because of the high costs of transportation.
- 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 at the beginning.
- In order to better estimate the fuel consumption needs interested partners have, they are encouraged to reach out to katja.hildebrand@wfp.org. Humanitarian organisations requiring a small amount per month are recommended to procure the fuel commercially.

4. HI-Atlas Logistique Update

- HI-Atlas Logistique gave a brief update of their activities.
- HI-Atlas Logistique offers free transport and storage services to humanitarian community, focusing on the last-mile delivery. Partners were asked to anticipate their requests in advance to allow enough time for the required preparations.
- Since April, HI-Atlas Logistique has performed 203 service requests (3024 MT) including 24 shipments in progress this week, experiencing a sharp raise of requests during July.
- Regarding the transportation of medicine, HI-Atlas Logistique offers temperature-controlled transportation, and a pilot project is being set up to offer cold-chain last-mile transportation.
- HI-Atlas Logistique is providing access to warehouses in the following locations:

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5. Partner Update: Vostok SOS

- Ukrainian Charitable Foundation Vostok SOS gave a brief overview of their operations.
- Since the start of the full-scale invasion, Vostok SOS has distributed more than 2,852 tons of humanitarian aid. Reception and further logistics take place through their warehouses in Uzhhorod and Dnipro. Thanks to an extensive system of partnerships with communities, they manage to deliver aid almost throughout the entire country.
- The main logistical difficulties Vostok SOS has are the rising price of fuel and its shortage in the country.
- The reduction of support for humanitarian cargo transportation by rail is considered to be a challenge, too: as of 1 August the possibility of transporting goods in compartment cars was cancelled.
- The priority of Vostok SOS’ work is humanitarian support for internally displaced persons from war zones who are currently in relatively safe regions of Ukraine.
- Vostok SOS has seven mini-buses which are used for hard-to-reach areas in order to bring in humanitarian cargo and evacuate people on their way back.
- Vostok SOS cooperates with local authorities in hard-to-reach areas and in some cases the delivery of humanitarian aid is made through the local authorities they work with.
- Partners are welcome to contact Vostok SOS: info@vostok-sos.org.

6. Information Sharing

- The Logistics Cluster provided an overview of humanitarian storage capacity. Information has been collected through a 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.
- According to the survey, a total of 30 humanitarian partners have reported on 88 warehouses. The highest capacities are reported in Dnipro, Lviv and Odesa regions (16,300 – 27,146 m2).
• Partners are invited to continue filling in the survey. The Logistics Cluster is planning to launch a public interface (with agreement of inputting agencies) next week, displaying partner warehouses which are available for sharing to support the efficient use of resources.
• If you have already submitted inputs, but details have since changed please send an email to Ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org.

6. AOB

• The Logistics Cluster will offer a Logistics Cluster Induction Training for humanitarians who recently joined the operation or want to understand better how to access common logistics services. Partners interested to take part in the Logistics Cluster induction trainings are asked to reach out: Ukraine.logisticscluster@wfp.org.
• Online courses are also available through the Global Logistics Cluster. The portal is open for all humanitarian organisation and can be found here.
• The next Dnipro Coordination Meeting will be held on 10 August (online and in-person in Dnipro); an invite will be sent via the mailing list.

The next national coordination meeting will take place online and in-person in Kyiv on 17 August 2022 at 16:00 (Kyiv time).

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