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# Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response Operation

## Global Coordination Meeting Minutes

23 February 2023

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<b>LOCATION</b>	Online / WFP HQ Rome, Italy
<b>DATE</b>	23 February 2023
<b>CHAIR</b>	Edmondo Perrone – Logistics Sector Coordinator
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Concern Worldwide, Direct Relief, Solidarites International, International Organization for Migration (IOM), UPS Foundation, United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Situation Update</li><li>2. Sector Capacity Assessment</li><li>3. Sector Strategy</li><li>4. AOB</li></ol>
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agencies are requested to share the contact information of their staff/focal persons based in Ankara to be included in the upcoming Logistics Sector mailing list for Ankara.</li><li>• Partners are encouraged to access all useful country specific information on the dedicated <a href="#">Türkiye Logistics Sector</a> and <a href="#">Syria Logistics Cluster</a> webpages.</li><li>• Partners are encouraged to share logistics information and need to <a href="mailto:SyrTur.LogCoordination@wfp.org">SyrTur.LogCoordination@wfp.org</a></li><li>• Partners are encouraged to join the WhatsApp groups created for Customs and Humanitarian Logistics Coordination to enhance information sharing.</li></ul>

## 1. Situation Update

### Summary of operational response as of date:

- The Whole of Syria response operations is very active. The Logistics Cluster is working with partners on ground to support operations in the most affected areas in Northwest Syria to ensure coordinate cross-border operations and provide an uninterrupted flow of aid.
- Aleppo Governorate remains the most affected in the Syria Response Operations. While initial assessments show that the logistics capacity, road access and transport capacity is sufficient to meet the needs on ground, partners and stakeholders have reported some challenges, particularly in crossline operations.
- The Government of Syria has shown support and is willing to facilitate the movement of aid for distribution to the most affected population. Further information was shared in the Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting that was held in Damascus today, 23 February 2023. Partners can refer to the meeting minutes that will be published on the dedicated [Syria Cluster Operations](#) web page for further information.

### Logistics Updates

- Gaziantep and Ankara Levels response operations are no longer discussing upstream pipelines, as all main entry points into Türkiye are in full operation. Attention is presently being focused to the lower, field and administrative level pipelines. Partners that are still experiencing challenges with upstream pipelines are encouraged to share information.  
No major damage on logistics infrastructure have been recorded, however partners have shared reports related to the recurrent weather conditions creating access constraints into North West Syria. Movement of trucks have slowed in some areas due to ice/snow. Partners are encouraged to share information on road access conditions to enable timely update on Log.ie.
- To facilitate the flow of information for cross boarder operations at the two new border crossings of Bab-al-Salam and Al Ra'ee, the Logistics Cluster has developed specific procedures that have been agreed by the Government of Syria. The below documents have been published on the dedicated Türkiye Sector Response and Syria Logistics Cluster webpages.
  - [Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response: SOPs for Bonded Road Transport Services to Syria.](#)
  - [Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response: Procedures for Importation and Delivery of Pharmaceuticals.](#)
  - [Service Request Form](#)
  - [Service Request Form User Instructions](#)
- [Log.ie](#) continues to monitor and provide the latest updates on road access despite the current status of full accessibility on all major roads.
- For all info related to customs procedures all reference materials are published the dedicated Türkiye Sector and Syria Cluster webpages.

## 2. Sector Strategy

- The Logistics Sector approach for the Türkiye response has been officially endorsed through the launch of the Türkiye flash appeal.
- Sector approach has been launched for a period of three months up to the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. The sector coordination will remain both at Ankara and Gaziantep level until 1 March 2023, after which there the sector coordination will remain only in Gaziantep.
- The Syria Logistics Cluster continue to hold ad hoc coordination meetings specifically to discuss the earthquake response operations in Northwest Syria. So far, meetings have been held in Damascus and Homs, with upcoming meetings planned in Aleppo and Qamishli, Syria.
- Staff have deployed to Gaziantep and Ankara. The Logistic Sector is now focusing attention to

the needs of the different sub-hubs that have been created for the response operations including Hatay, Adiyaman and other affected areas.

- The official activation of the Logistics Emergency Team (LET) has enabled the provision of Logistics services through the deployment of experts with administrative, customs, and commercial knowledge of the local market and networks to provide pro-bono support to the Logistics Sector. The LET is also providing additional storage capacity and air-lifting services where partners can directly request support.
- Transport and storage from Türkiye to NWS: The Logistics Sector has made necessary arrangements to provide customs-bonded transport and while-in-transit storage services from Türkiye's main entry points (Adana, Mersin, Gaziantep) to North-West Syria. These services will be provided on a last resort basis (should the local market be unable to absorb inflow of humanitarian cargo, or if partners face gaps or bottlenecks), upon request.
- Transport and storage for Türkiye: Storage capacity is available for cargo destined to Türkiye should the consignee and/or AFAD require residual capacity.
- In Northwest Syria, the Logistics Cluster is adjusting to increase and share available storage capacity that is contracted by WFP to partners who have challenges in contracting and scaling up the logistics services through the local market.
- The Logistics Cluster has extended its services into Aleppo. The UN organizations jointly with their implementing partners are working to identify storage capacity that can be rented directly by their implementing partners to facilitate the use of available resources from the local market. The cluster has been trying to pull resources from partners working in the same locations.
- The Logistics Cluster can offer as mean of last resort Mobile Storage Units to be loaned to partners for short-term storage capacity in Northwest Syria.

### 3.AOB

- Partners advised to refer to the coordination mechanism developed by OCHA for further guidance on the earthquake response operations in Türkiye.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to have bilateral meetings with the Government of Türkiye on logistics bottlenecks and common support services. Updates will be shared in the next coordination meeting.
- Storage Facility Assessments conducted in Northwest Syria indicate that the available warehouse facilities are in significantly good condition, particularly those identified through commercial vendors.

**Information on the next Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be shared soon.**

### Contacts

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