
Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response Operation

Logistics Sector Meeting - Gaziantep, Türkiye

7 March 2023



LOCATION	Online/Gaziantep, Türkiye
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CHAIR	Kelly Bradley – Logistics Officer, Logistics Sector
PARTICIPANTS	Al Ameen, CARE, CONCERN, European Union Civil Protection Team (EUCPT), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), GOAL International, Global Communities, Global Logistics Cluster, Humanity and Inclusion (HI), Humedica, MARAM Foundation, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Mentor Initiative, Mercy Corps, People in Need (PIN), Relief International (RI), Sante Group, Save the Children International (SCI), Syria Logistics Cluster, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), UK-Med, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Monitoring Mechanism (UNMM), United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Welthungerhilfe.
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Follow-up on action points2. Situation update3. Common Services – Humanitarian Notification System4. Common Services – Cross-Border Services

1. Follow-up on action points

- OCHA contacts in the four hubs were shared with partners
- Türkiye-North West Syria (NWS) border crossings are Bab al-Hawa, al-Hamam, Bab al-Salam, Al Ra'ee, Jarablus, Tal Abyad, Ras Alain.
 - o UN agencies are only allowed to use Bab al-Hawa, Bab al-Salam and Al Ra'ee, while non-UN agencies can use the other border crossing as well.
 - o For non-UN organisations, cargo can be sent via the commercial routes using private transport providers, or support can be provided by TRC.
 - o For staff travelling to NWS, approval must be granted by the governor at provincial level (province depends on which border crossing is used).
- Notification window shortening for NWS transshipment has been discussed with OCHA

2. Situation update

- 9th Logistics Sector coordination meeting in Gaziantep
- A mission was conducted to Kahramanmaras on 1 March. Based on survey on warehouse gaps, and interviews with OSOCC meeting participants, no major warehouse gaps have been identified. Proximity to Gaziantep does not pose major problems in terms of cargo shipments to Kahramanmaras.

- Surge staff turnover is currently being organized.
- The Logistics Sector is travelling to Malatya on 7 March to meet with OCHA and the partners to discuss uncovered logistics needs. Partners shared that price increases of suppliers are not very high at the moment, and there is no shortage of supplies either. There are no major access constraints faced by partners.

3. Common Services – Humanitarian Notification System

- A meeting was held with the OCHA Access Unit to explore the reduction of the humanitarian notification window. A follow-up clarification e-mail on the procedure to be followed was sent by OCHA to partners.
- The standard notice is 72 hours indeed but since the earthquake, OCHA Regional Office for Syria received an exceptional window of 24 hours' notice for any movement to anywhere in NWS from Monday to Friday. (Notifications submitted during Saturday or Sunday will not be accepted within 24 hours).
- Notification via the OCHA-managed HNS is a voluntary mechanism. The OCHA-managed HNS is a different type of notification than the mandatory UNMM-related notifications for BAH.

4. Common Services – Storage and Transport

NWS:

- MSUs can be available for partners in NWS whose storage was impacted by the earthquake. specific needs can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

Türkiye

- The storage strategy has been formulated for Antakya, and an assessment of warehouse space in Hatay is being finalized: there is a plan to initiate common storage. Storage will only be provided for the duration of the Flash Appeal (i.e. until mid-May)
- Storage needs/capacities are being assessed in Malatya and Adiyaman.
- Medical storage is highly regulated, and the Logistics Sector will not facilitate storage of medical items.
- The bonded transport service will effectively be closed down by the end of the week due to lack of expressions of interest.
- For any other storage gaps, partners are requested to reach out to the Logistics Sector.

[Invitations to the next Coordination Meeting shall be shared soon.](#)

Contacts

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