Highlights

- In February 2023, the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) under the Government of Tajikistan, with the support of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Global Logistics Cluster’s Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP), organised a National Logistics Preparedness Working Group (NLPWG) workshop to finalise the draft national logistics preparedness action plan and develop a national logistics information sharing portal.

- The Preparedness Officer participated in the Logistics Cluster’s Preparedness Design Workshop in Rome, Italy, in January 2023 to share the FBPP experience in supporting locally-led logistics preparedness and contribute to the Logistics Cluster’s Preparedness Roadmap.

- The pilot versions of the Logistics Information Exchange Platform (LogIE) and STOCK of Humanitarian Organisations Logistics Mapping (STOCKHOLM) with Tajikistan’s logistics data were showcased at the NLPWG workshop in February as potential features of the national logistics information sharing portal, to obtain feedback from the NLPWG members to improve the platform further.

Background

Based on risk indices and national-level logistics performance and capacity indicators, in 2020, Tajikistan was identified as one of the country candidates for the Global Logistics Cluster’s Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP). The project’s primary aim is to support and empower national actors to strengthen their capacity to autonomously prepare for and respond to humanitarian crises. A key element of this is facilitating a coordinated approach towards improving the resilience of local humanitarian supply chains and supporting effective information exchange between the government, national actors, and the private sector to ensure all actors are well prepared for joint humanitarian logistics responses. In a large-scale disaster event, should

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the Government of Tajikistan request international humanitarian assistance, the Global Logistics Cluster capacities can support national actors in facilitating a coordinated response.

In March 2021, a Preparedness Expert was deployed to Tajikistan to map national logistics capacities and stakeholders. He worked with national counterparts to socialise the system’s capacity-strengthening framework and approach and assist them in identifying a Capacity Outcome Statement, which will guide subsequent capacity-strengthening initiatives based on the identified local needs. A national Preparedness Officer was recruited and came on board in July 2021 to ensure the smooth handover of Project activities and continuous engagement with the national stakeholders.

In the final quarter of 2021, the National Preparedness Officer conducted various meetings with CoES and NLPWG members to strengthen humanitarian logistics preparedness through coordination and logistics information sharing. In line with the Institutional Capacity Strengthening (ICS) approach, a piloted Capacity Needs Mapping (CNM) exercise was conducted with a CoES Working Group in September. In December, another CNM exercise was conducted with CoES, NLPWG members, and private sector representatives to discuss the existing capacities of the Humanitarian Supply Chain & Logistics (HSC&L) system and identify gaps and challenges that hamper the system.

In 2022, building upon the CNM findings, the FBPP continued supporting CoES and NLPWG as they strengthened national humanitarian logistics capacities by developing the national logistics preparedness action plan and the national logistics information sharing portal. The Action Plan will further guide strategic decisions and actions for Tajikistan’s national humanitarian supply chain and logistics preparedness, whereas the information portal will facilitate strategic and operational decision-making and logistics coordination among the relevant stakeholders in-country.

Cooperation

- Between 24-26 January 2023, the Preparedness Officer participated in the Logistics Cluster’s Preparedness Design Workshop held in Rome, Italy, to share the FBPP experience in facilitating locally-led logistics preparedness efforts in Tajikistan, gain exposure to global-level logistics preparedness agenda, and contribute to the Logistics Cluster Preparedness Roadmap. During a networking session, the Preparedness Officer and the Emergency Supply Pre-positioning Strategy (ESUPS) Project team who develop the STOCKHOLM platform also discussed key steps and requirements to support Tajikistan’s national logistics information sharing portal.
On 14-15 February 2023, CoES led a NLPWG workshop focusing on a two-fold objective – to finalise the national logistics preparedness action plan and to develop the national logistics information-sharing portal. The two-day workshop provided an opportunity for the NLPWG members to revisit and discuss the joint action points in the draft national logistics preparedness action plan in accordance with the Five Capacity Pathways, to facilitate further monitoring and evaluation of the capacity changes along these Pathways. The NLPWG members agreed upon the finalised action plan and timeline for CoES endorsement, tentatively set in June. The CoES-endorsed action plan will be presented at the next Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT) meeting to further advocate for resources mobilisation and implementation of the plan.

Information management

Following the results of the technical consultation in November 2022 to develop prototypes of the national logistics information sharing portal in the first quarter of 2023, the first pilot versions of LogIE and STOCKHOLM with Tajikistan’s logistics data were demonstrated during the two-day NLPWG workshop on 14-15 February 2023. CoES and the NLPWG members were interested in progressing with the STOCKHOLM platform on stock-prepositioning data. Meanwhile, the LogIE platform continued being explored and only piloted with some immediate logistics data such as road constraints, following the recent earthquake in March. For the STOCKHOLM platform, the NLPWG members agreed at the workshop on the responsibilities of involved actors to deliver more complete stock-prepositioning data to the STOCKHOLM technical team to further launch the platform.

The quarterly report and infographic updates on the FBPP implementation between October and December 2022 have been published on the Tajikistan Preparedness Webpage. Key documents are also available in Russian.

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