LOCATION Online/Gaziantep, Türkiye

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ACTION POINTS • To monitor the status of the UNSCR.

AGENDA 1. Welcome & Introductions
2. OCHA Access Working Group Updates
3. WFP Customs procedure for humanitarian cargo
4. TURKISH RED CRESCENT (TRC) UPDATES
5. Logistics Cluster Updates:
   • Cross Border Operations updates.
   • Visits to the UN Hub in Reyhanli.
6. UN Cross Line Convoy Update
7. AOB & Partner Discussions

1. Welcome & Introductions

• The meeting attendees introduced themselves, as well as the Logistics Cluster staff working in Syria.

2. OCHA Access Working Group Updates

• OCHA representative briefed the attendees about the Cross-border Missions from Türkiye to Northwest Syria (NWS) which included different teams from different UN Agencies.
• An Inter-agency mission comprised of different UN agencies crossed from the three border crossing points, the missions visited the camps, health facilities, WASH facilities in NWS.
• The Inter-agency mission activities included engagement with authorities, engagement with communities, Coordination, Needs Assessment, and Program Monitoring.
• A Swiss delegation visited Meydanki dam in Afrin - Aleppo to check its structure after the earthquake, a report will be shared after the dam assessment is done.

• Most of the missions crossed to NWS were from Bab Alhawa with 95 missions, and from Bab Alsalam with 44 missions, also even though with less number from Alraee BCP with 7 missions.

• One output of the missions is that the missions visited some areas in NWS which had no intervention from NGOs.

3. Customs Procedure for Humanitarian Cargo Processed as Commercial. (WFP Perspective)

WFP representative explained that the current customs process is a commercial practice and no consideration for humanitarian cargo in Türkiye.

1. When purchased in Türkiye, the seller declares the items as export.
2. All transit cargo requires commercial invoice for customs purposes, and this allows the clearing / forwarding agent to act as cargo owner (consignee not agent of consignee).

The implication of these processes is that no Customs declaration document exists in the name of the cargo owner (humanitarian actor) and that the process is subject to legal concerns that WFP finds it necessary to bring to the attention of MoFA.

4. Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) Updates

The representative of the Turkish Red Crescent stated that 443 trucks were facilitated in June 2023 from Turkey to Syria through eight different border gates. In response to a question from one of the partners, The Turkish Red Crescent emphasised that it is a joint responsibility between them and their partners to ensure the delivery of the materials within the scope of the Border Aid Operations. The Turkish Red Crescent also stated that cross-border operations at the Turkish-Syrian border gates will continue, regardless of the status of the United Nations Security Council Resolution.

5. Logistics Cluster Updates

Cross Border Operations

• During the past month of June, the Logistics Cluster facilitated 893 trucks carrying 19,281.7 mt of humanitarian relief items to cross the border from Türkiye to Syria on behalf of 5 UN agencies WHO, IOM, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, and WFP, with the support of OCHA and UNMM.

Below a breakdown of crossing per each border:

logcluster.org/ops/syr12a
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- An infographic of the trucks per agency is as below:

- An infographic of the trucks movement per HUB/Border Crossing Point is as below:

Visits to the UN Hub in Reyhanli
- A delegation from the Belgium embassy visited the UN transhipment hub in Reyhanli, the visit was to see how the transhipment operations are going on.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated a Media visit of OCHA at Reyhanli HUB, the visit was to advocate for the UNSCR renewal.

6. UN Cross Line Convoy Update
- The Logistics Cluster successfully supported an Inter-Agency Convoy from Aleppo to Idleb in NWS consisting of ten trucks. Convoy Sarmada 11 was conducted on 23 June 2023 to support logcluster.org/ops/syr12a
the needy people with basic supplies such as Health, WASH, Nutrition and shelter items for UNHCR, UNICEF and WHO in addition to 4,350 WFP Food rations which total volume reached to 226 mt/ 839 M³.

7.Any Other Business

- WHO colleagues mentioned that they will have a decrease in the in the number of trucks in the upcoming months.
- The Logistics Cluster shared a training opportunity with its partners, the training will be online and hosted by Air Bus Foundation.

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