LOCATION: Online/Gaziantep, Türkiye

DATE: 7 October 2023

CHAIR: Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS: Care International, Hand in Hand for Aid and Development (HIHFAD), Mentor Initiative, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), World Health Organization (WHO)

ACTION POINTS:

- Agencies are advised that the Logistics Cluster will consolidate the notification requests for shipments to be shared with OCHA every Monday and Wednesday. Partners should plan their operations around the schedule.
- The Logistics Cluster will inquire with OCHA about the possibility of reverting to the previous schedule of 3 times a week for the notification request.

AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Logistics Cluster Updates
3. AOB & Partner Discussions

1. Welcome & Introductions

- The Logistics Cluster welcomed participants and members both online and in person.

2. Logistics Cluster Updates

- 3 crossing points continued to be used by the UN Agencies in October. The lower figures compared to other periods seem to be connected to the procurement cycle of the organizations.
- The consent-based agreement currently in place for the Bab Al Hawa crossing point will elapse by 13 January 2024.
- The current agreement for the other two crossing points (Al-Ra’ee and Bab Al Salam) will expire on 13 November and a request for extension has been shared with the Government of Syria for its consideration.
- For the time being the Logistics Cluster is still supporting the transshipment activities as well as providing access to the accommodation facility in Reyhanli.
- In terms of supporting the transshipment, the Logistics Cluster compiles the notification requests received from partners and are shared with OCHA on Mondays and Wednesdays. Then, the notification approvals are received and shared with the respective partners and the weekly plan is scheduled.
- Usually cross border operations run from Tuesdays to Thursdays, but the team is also available from Monday to Friday in Reyhanli.

http://logcluster.org/ops/syr12a
For partners wishing to access the accommodation facilities in Reyhanli, they can do it by using the booking hub tool.

Partners were reminded that if they want to be included in the Wednesday and Friday OCHA notification, they must send the notification before 9 am on the same day.

During the month of October a total of 155 trucks crossed to NWS through Bab Al Hawa and Bab Al Salam crossing points carrying cargo on behalf of 7 UN agencies.

3. Any Other Business

A partner inquired if it is possible to submit the notification request on Fridays. The Logistics Cluster will check with OCHA if this could be possible.

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