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ACTION POINTS

• Partners to provide input on their pipeline and stocks in country through the form to gather information and coordinate the upstream pipeline.
• Partners asked to provide information to the Logistics Cluster on any trucks that are prepared to be included in the manifest creation process.
• Partners are advised to sign up to receive the latest communications from the mailing list, Palestine Logistics Cluster WhatsApp group, and the dedicated WhatsApp group on customs.
• Partners are strongly encouraged to share their temperature-controlled storage needs in Gaza at Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org
• IMPACT Working Group to share guidance on the importation procedures once the customs authorities approve the consolidated document.

AGENDA

1. Palestine Logistics Cluster Key Updates
2. Gaza Updates
3. Egypt Corridor Updates
4. AOB

1. Palestine Logistics Cluster Key Updates

• The Palestine Logistics Cluster shared its coordination structure with two cells:
  o One with a focus on Palestine and inside Gaza.
  o One with a focus on access to Gaza from Egypt (Egypt Logistics Coordination Cell).
• Logistics Cluster activities are being held across three levels: in Egypt, in Gaza and upstream.

UPSTREAM COORDINATION EFFORTS

• Upstream coordination efforts focus on the consolidation of information regarding cargo to be consolidated in Egypt as well as facilitating access to airlifts to Al-Arish International Airport to ensure a streamlined approach for delivering humanitarian aid to Gaza.

IN EGYPT

• The Logistics Cluster provides support to increase the logistics capacity of the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), including the provision of equipment, warehousing, and enhanced truck capacity.
• The Logistics Cluster supported the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) with the development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on customs, cargo and convoys being held out of Egypt.
• The updated version of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Accessing Services as well as Formal Request Form were issued by the ERC and can be found on the Palestine Logistics Cluster dedicated webpage.

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IN GAZA

- The Logistics Cluster is working to augment Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) logistics capacity in Gaza through temporary warehousing and transport capacity.
- An INGO will support the Logistics Cluster by facilitating access to their storage capacity inside Gaza for INGOs. The draft and signature of an MoU for this purpose is ongoing.

2. Gaza Updates

- The situation in Gaza was discussed, including the latest updates and figures. It was mentioned that in Gaza Strip, 70 partners are capable of delivering humanitarian assistance. According to OCHA, half of the current organizations providing humanitarian aid are national ones.
- Without active water pipes inside Gaza, 1,000 trucks of water per day will need to be delivered across Gaza.
- A plan to create a telecommunication hub in Rafah is in place. ETC and OCHA are working on operationalizing an OCHA/UNDSS office to coordinate that. The list of cleared materials is ready, but challenges remain.
- Currently UNRWA trucks and warehouses are the only ones used to transport and store humanitarian cargo in Rafah and Gaza.
- The Logistics Cluster is supporting the Palestinian Red Crescent with increased transport capacity, and has already contracted 20 trucks through WFP that will be operational for the Rafah – Gaza route.
- To enhance coordination, Logistics Cluster staff in Rafah will coordinate the arrival and dispatch of UN, PRCS and NGOs cargo.
- The Logistics Cluster presented the current draft plan to ensure a coordinated and efficient logistics set-up in Gaza:
  - UNRWA will continue to deliver UN cargo, while the 20 trucks provided through the Logistics Cluster to increase the capacity of PRCS will be used to transport NGO and PRCS cargo.
  - UNRWA warehouses will be dedicated exclusively to storing UN agencies’ cargo. In parallel, the Logistics Cluster will manage another warehouse for NGOs. The PRCS will operate its own warehouse.
- Implementation of this set up, as well as the enhancement of cargo tracking methods, is contingent on the availability of fuel inside Gaza Strip.
- UNRWA presented their current cold chain storage setup in Gaza, with a limited capacity of 170 m2, which can take up approximately to 90 pallets of cold chain. The storage uses diesel-powered generator, which requires 160lts of diesel per day.
- UNRWA can offer cold chain storage for partners upon request, to be sent 48 hours in advance. Acceptance depends on space availability and will be provided on a cost recovery basis.
- The Logistics Cluster is also trying to capture partners’ storage needs, including temperature-controlled in different locations and invite partners to fill in the short a [Gaza Response: Storage Needs and Capacity Survey](https://logcluster.org/en/ops/pse23a).

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3. Egypt Corridor Updates

- So far the augmentation and support provided by the Logistics Cluster and other partners to the ERC logistics capacities are as follows:

**IN AL-ARISH:**
- Logistics Cluster:
  - 1,600 m² of storage space installed.
  - Incoming three flights of augmentation equipment to Al Arish scheduled for this week:
    - Additional 1,920 m² of covered storage space
    - Additional 640 m² of temperature-controlled storage: +2 to +8 °C storage capacity - (inflatable cold rooms, refrigerators).
    - Cold chain support items - (temperature loggers, ice packs, etc).
    - Basecamp support – living accommodations and office space for workers.
    - Warehouse supplies.
  - Handling equipment and items supplied in-kind by ECHO and FCDO.
    - Warehouse handling equipment and airside mechanical handling equipment provided by FCDO.
    - ECHO procured and transported most of the storage and accommodation items coming in flights.
- Reefers provided by WHO and warehouse equipment provided by UNICEF.

**IN ISMALIA:**
- Logistics Cluster:
  - 1,100 m² warehouse identified
  - 5,000 m² outside lot
    - 2,560 m² of Mobile Storage Units (MSUs)
  - Truck parking/staging area

**TRUCKING:**
- Logistics Cluster:
  - WFP will be providing a standby fleet of trucks for ERC:
    - 20 vehicles positioned at Al Arish
    - 30 vehicles positioned at Ismalia

**ERC UPDATE:**
- In response to the numerous inquiries observed on the WhatsApp group, the ERC proposed to establish a structured communication system. This system will designate a focal point to centralize and address these questions.
- ERC holds coordination meetings in Cairo with partners twice a week, focused on strategic discussions rather than logistical queries and challenges.
- IFRC, deployed to Cairo in support to ERC, asked partners to ensure compliance with the issued SOPs to facilitate smooth logistical processes. Additionally, a request was made to manage logistic-related
questions more efficiently by funnelling them through the dedicated email address (gaza.ops@egyptianrc.org).

- The updated SOPs include the following points:
  - Partners need to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with ERC.
  - There is a formal request process – partners must use the form and submit directly to ERC at gaza.ops@egyptianrc.org.
  - There is a process for unregistered NGOs to import cargo, but they must work through ERC.
  - Cargo can be delivered to ERC by road or air:
    - Air delivery will be to Al Arish only
    - If cargo is imported via another port, it is considered “road”.
    - Cargo can be delivered via road directly to the Rafah crossing, to Al Arish, and eventually, to Ismalia.
    - No delivery is allowed unless approved first by ERC.
- ERC manages the process. Requests sent to the Logistics Cluster for non-cluster managed facilities cannot be accepted. For more details, partners can contact ERC at gaza.ops@egyptianrc.org.

**INCOMING PIPELINE:**
- Incoming pipeline information is being collected from partners via a survey, a graphic of the information collected so far was shared in the meeting.
- Partners are encouraged to keep providing information on their current stocks in country (including Israel, Jordan and Egypt) and incoming pipeline to support advocacy efforts and logistics planning by with their updated information. Understanding partners’ pipelines helps plan for logistics needs and services.

**CUSTOMS PROCEDURE:**
- In terms of customs procedures, IMPACCT Working Group is in contact with the Egyptian customs authorities on a daily basis.
  - A meeting scheduled previously to go over the standard operating procedures for customs and importation of medical items was cancelled.
  - The team is working to answer all questions that have been raised by partners.
  - After the meeting with the customs administration, an update will be provided.
  - A workshop on customs and importation will take place at the end of November to go over all the requirements.

**4. Convoy Update**

- The Logistics Cell shared the aggregated figures on the total number of confirmed trucks that have crossed Rafah from 21 October until 6 November. Trucks arrival is confirmed with UNRWA and the figures shown are updated once official confirmation is received. Alignment of these figures with OCHA reports and the different figures shared by partner organisations is ongoing to ensure the most accurate information is shared.
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- A total of 451 confirmed trucks have crossed into Gaza as of the meeting, 6 November, with 25 to be confirmed.
- Regarding the sending organisations, the cargo in the convoy was sent on behalf of ERC, donor governments, NGO and UN agencies.
- Regarding the sectors, the priorities so far have been health, WASH and water, food, nutrition and shelter/non-food items.

- Regarding the process that is currently being followed, it was explained that trucks that are loaded in Al-Arish warehouse facility of ERC, then on the Rafah entry point scanned by the Egyptian authorities, afterwards travel down to Nitzana where they are scanned again, then return to Rafah and enter the handover point. Once on the other side, the cargo is offloaded and loaded in UNRWA trucks and carried to UNRWA warehouses for pick up by agencies and other partners.
- To ensure effective convoy planning and manifest creation, the Logistics Cluster coordinates closely with the Palestine Inter Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) to obtain cargo prioritization criteria. This information is to be aligned with pipeline data to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the incoming cargo flow, and with convoy planning.
- OCHA mentioned that the Palestine ICCG shared with ERC a cargo prioritization tool to support decision-making on what is loaded onto convoy trucks for the different sectors. The tool provides a list of items that are required by different clusters and proposes a ratio across different sectors. The tool is going to be continuously updated based on need.

5. Partners' Updates and AoB

- Partners were interested if there is the capability of bringing more storage, like with solar-powered refrigerators in Gaza. WHO is looking into bringing 10 solar fridges and would like to accommodate them in UNRWA facilities. UNRWA doubts it is possible to fit and accommodate in UNRWA warehouses due to the lack of space and fuel.
- Partners asked to streamline the process of sharing pipeline information with different entities to avoid duplication of efforts.
- There are no current specific requirements for truck sizes for the convoy scanning and cross-loading.
- Trucks may not be allowed to pass for different reasons, including items belonging to the dual items list and lack of palletization. The Logistics Cluster is working with partners to collect the information.
- Currently, the 2008 version of the dual item list is the one that was shared with partners. If a newer version will become available, the Logistics Cluster will share it with partners.
- It was mentioned that NGOs are coordinating to potentially establish a procurement hub in Egypt for non-registered organizations.

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