LOCATION  
Jerusalem and Cairo (online and in-person)

DATE  
22 February 2024

CHAIR  
Palestine Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS  
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ACTION POINTS  
• Partners to provide input on their pipeline for the Egypt and Jordan corridors through the dedicated form. Partners who did not receive a form are encouraged to reach out to palestine.logcluster@wfp.org.
• Organisations to submit the online Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) 48 h and 15 days forms to assist in the delivery of aid.
• Partners are invited to continue submitting their customs-related questions in the dedicated form.
• Partners are invited to share their lists of suppliers with Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org, for the benefit of the wider humanitarian logistics community as the Logistics Cluster will circulate the list on a regular basis.
• Partners invited to share their aid exportation experience from Jordan by submitting a survey.
• Partners are requested to update the WASH cluster with all required reporting information to ensure adequate support.

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AGENDA

1. Gaza updates
2. Logistics Cluster common services
3. Jordan corridor update
4. Egypt corridor update
5. WASH Cluster Update
6. Pre-approval Process – ASU Update
7. AOB

1. Gaza Updates

LOGISTICS CLUSTER UPDATE

- Partners interested in having an overview of the supplies crossings through Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossings can do so through the UNRWA Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking Dashboard.
- The Logistics Cluster is looking at facilitating access to transport services for partners to join the pilot humanitarian convoys to other governorates. The Logistics Cluster is currently exploring options for supporting partners' access to such convoys moving forward. Partners interested in joining these convoys can reach out to Palestine.clustercargo@wfp.org.
- The Logistics Cluster conducted a Service Request Form (SRF) online training on how to request transport and storage services for partners responding to the Gaza emergency with 79 participants. Should organizations need more logistics-related training sessions to increase the capacity of their logistics personnel, please reach out at: palestine.logcluster@wfp.org.
- A new Logistics Cluster common warehouse (1,000 m²) is available for humanitarian organizations in North Camp area in Rafah. Currently, the Logistics Cluster facilitates access to four warehouses in Rafah with a total storage capacity of 2,470 m².
- The Logistics Cluster coordination meetings in Gaza take place on Mondays (in person only). Partners wishing to attend can contact: palestine.logcluster@wfp.org

COMPILED LOGISTICS SUPPLIER LIST

- The Logistics Cluster has circulated the compiled logistics supplier list through the mailing list. The list is based on partners' vendors/suppliers' contributions. The aggregated list comes from partner to partner and is intended to ease access to and exchange of information.
- The inclusion of company information does not imply any business relationship between the supplier and WFP/Logistics Cluster or any of its partners. WFP / Logistics Cluster maintain complete impartiality and is not in a position to endorse, comment on any company's suitability as a reputable service provider.

INTER-AGENCY PIPELINE

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• For longer-term visibility, organizations are requested to input their incoming pipeline through the Jordan and Egypt corridors for the next three months through the dedicated form per organization, which was circulated by the Logistics Cluster via email. Partners who have not received the form or are facing any issues can reach out to palestine.logcluster@wfp.org.

• Partners are requested to update their dedicated pipeline reporting forms on a weekly basis by COB Sunday to ensure the latest information is always available for informed decision-making.

• As of 19 February, 17 organizations updated their dedicated reporting forms, with a total of 213,910 mt of aid planned to be delivered in Gaza during the next three months. The pipeline collection is an ongoing process and data is based on available inputs from humanitarian organizations on a weekly basis. Therefore, it does not represent the entire pipeline and should be interpreted accordingly.

SITUATION UPDATE

• The Logistics Cluster shared an update on the situation in Gaza, as follows:
  o Crossings: During the past week, Kerem Shalom (KS) and Rafah crossings were partially operational with intermittent intervals. UN/INGOs operations were suspended due to insecurity. Around 450 scanned trucks in Kerem Shalom are waiting to cross.
  o Between 15 and 20 February a total of 374 trucks carrying humanitarian cargo crossed into Gaza as reported by UNRWA.

2. Logistics Cluster Common Services

• The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to the following common services in Gaza, Egypt, and Jordan. Partners wishing to access any of these services can consult the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). To request storage, transport, or cargo notification services, partners must submit the online Service Request Form or the Excel SRF file to Palestine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org.
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The Logistics Cluster common service warehouse in Port Said, Egypt will be discontinued at the end of February as storage is not identified as current gap. Assessment of logistics gaps and needs remains ongoing.

3. Jordan Corridor Updates

- The Logistics Cluster is working on the first 50-vehicle direct convoy from Amman to Kerem Shalom through the King Hussein (KHB)/Allenby bridge. To join the convoy, partners are requested to submit their cargo details through the Service Request Form (SRF).
- 23 trucks carrying food, shelter, and WASH items were dispatched from Amman through KHB route on 14 February 2024 on behalf of six organizations. Out of which, 10 trucks were stuck in Nitzana for a week due to protests. They reached Gaza on 22 February.
- The Logistics Cluster, through IMPACCT Working Group is working on developing guidance and clarify questions on customs procedures and importation processes.
- The Logistics Cluster invited partners to submit a survey launched to collect partners’ customs and aid importation/exportation experience in order to support clarification of processes and requirements.
- The Logistics Cluster coordination meetings for Jordan corridor takes place on Thursdays at 14:00 (Amman time) online and in-person in Amman.
- A partner asked information on the lead times. The Logistics Cluster explained that based on the experiences of the last weeks, the back-to-back convoys through King Hussein/Allenby bridge took around 2-3 days to complete the route. The direct convoy is expected to take significantly less time.
The Logistics Cluster clarified that both UN and NGOs are joining the Jordan convoys

4. Egypt Corridor Updates

- The Logistics Cluster-led IMPACCT Working Group continues to gather questions on aid importation procedures in Egypt through the dedicated form.
- The Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) set up a new truck yard two kilometers away from the Sunbula scanning point. The size of the yard sits around 200,000 m² and can accommodate up to 1,500 trucks. Most of the trucks arriving to Arish are now being asked to move to the yard, but the verification of the trucks is still taking place in Al-Arish ERC warehouse. One of the main advantages of this truck yard is that it is only 2 Km away from the Sunbula scanning (Egypt side).
- Due to low number of crossings last week related to the closure of the entry points, the backlog in Al-Arish is approximately 1,000 trucks.
- Some donors have visited Arish in the last few days and the Logistics Cluster continues to advocate for an increase in the volume of aid sent into Gaza.
- Partners are requested to continue submitting the ERC online forms to allow for visibility on the incoming cargo and to facilitate the seamless delivery of aid to Gaza from Egypt. ERC and OCHA continue enhancing the forms, therefore, partners are advised to always download the templates from the forms.
  - ERC 15-day movement projection form: requires partners to notify ERC 15 days in advance of intended cargo arrival.
  - ERC 48-hour arrival notification form: requires partners to notify ERC 48 hours in advance for trucks heading to Al Arish in order to facilitate security clearance and develop the manifest.
- WFP provided an update on the challenges they are facing since the increasing backlog in Arish is causing huge demurrage costs for all partners with loaded trucks.

5. WASH Cluster Update

- The WASH Cluster provided an update of the main sectoral challenges related to logistics in the Gaza response:
  - Sanitation remains as a key gap in terms of access to latrine and waste management - solid, liquid, and medical. There is an urgent need to increase latrine construction and waste collection.
  - Access to safe drinking water for all people, especially among the displaced population and the northern areas of Gaza. Supplies to improve water production and distribution as well as water testing and treatment is highly needed.
  - WASH Supplies remains limited in Gaza. Increase WASH NFIs (regularly and large quantity) is highly needed.
• WASH Cluster shared some of the logistics needs and pipeline to continue the operations such as a daily allocation of 30,000 Liters of fuel, 26 generators, mobile and small-scale desalination plants and storage tanks for water.

• The WASH Cluster emphasized the urgent need to fuel/ power supply to water and wastewater facilities.

6. Pre-approval process – ASU Update

• OCHA Access Support Unit (ASU) provided an update on the pre-approval status of the humanitarian aid items submitted for approval since the 11 January. From the 118 submissions, 53 have been cleared, 10 have been rejected and 55 are still pending. ASU continues to share a list with COGAT on a weekly basis of items submitted by partners for pre-approval.
  o ASU is following up with organisations who submitted the pre-approval form and have been requested to provide additional information. Partners are requested to provide this information promptly otherwise their request may be closed.
  o ASU has been working with the Inter-Cluster mechanism in Gaza to increase advocacy for the sensitive items listed as pending and rejected which can be followed up through the Humanitarian Coordinator and donors. Any organization that rejects the submission of any advocacy on their behalf by the HC, please reach out to ASU. ASU will also reach out to the organizations directly for this purpose.
  o ASU requests organizations who were granted approval for sensitive items bilaterally to keep ASU updated.

AoB

• Partners interested in sharing their experiences and would like to present their presentations in the Logistics Cluster’s meeting are advised to reach out to Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org.
• HULO in collaboration with ECHO is collecting requests from humanitarian organisations for the airlifts to support the Gaza response through the hulo platform.
• Airlink is conducting a Needs Assessment Survey for the Gaza Response. Humanitarian organisations are invited to submit it, using the following link: Gaza Response - Needs Assessment Survey.

The next Palestine Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will be held on 29 February 2024 at 11:00

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