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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.
• Organizations bringing cargo through Egypt are requested to submit the online Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) forms: 48 h and 15 days forms.
• Partners are invited to continue submitting their customs-related questions for Egypt in the dedicated form and for Jordan in the dedicated form.
• Partners are invited to share their lists of suppliers (especially inside Gaza) with Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org, for the benefit of the wider humanitarian logistics community. The Logistics Cluster will circulate the list on a regular basis.
• The Logistics Cluster to share the ceasefire plan from the ICCG.
• Partners to complete the storage capacity mapping update through the following form.
• Partners interested in joining the WFP-convoys to the middle and North of Gaza can apply through this form.
• Partners to contribute to the physical Access Constraints (PAC) mapping.

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AGENDA

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2. Logistics Cluster common services
3. Jordan corridor update
4. Egypt corridor update
5. Humanitarian response planning - ICCG
6. Pre-approval Process – ASU Update
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1. Gaza Updates

LOGISTICS CLUSTER UPDATE

• North and South Convoys in February: In February, only 24 humanitarian missions planned to the North of Gaza, out of which only 15% were facilitated. However, in January, 61 missions were planned to the North in January, out of which 25% were facilitated.

• The reduction in planned and facilitated missions was primarily the result of an operational pause taken after several incidents with UN-coordinated convoys.

• According to OCHA, in February, 38% of coordinated humanitarian missions to the south of Gaza were denied or impeded while 32% in January.

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.¹

INTER-AGENCY PIPELINE

• 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. Partners who have not received the form or are facing any issues can reach out to palestine.logcluster@wfp.org. In the occasion of no new updates, partners are requested to inform the Logistics Cluster so it will be highlighted that the last available data is still considered the latest.

• As of 4 March, 30 organizations updated their dedicated reporting forms, with a total of 241,936 mt of aid planned to arrive in the next three months².

SITUATION UPDATE

¹ 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.

² 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.
• The Logistics Cluster shared an update on the situation. Regarding the crossings: During February, crossing points witnessed frequent and prolonged closures and blockages. Kerem Shalom (KS) was inaccessible on no less than 16 occasions. Nitzana was closed for at least 10 different days and in other cases was operational only for few hours due to protests and insecurity.

In February, approximately 1,500 fewer trucks entered Gaza compared to the figures from January. There has been an increase in the number of trucks in the first week of March with over 1,000 trucks in total between 1 and 7 February. More information can be checked via the UNRWA dashboard.

2. Logistics Cluster Common Services

• The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to several common services in Gaza, Egypt, and Jordan. A summary of the services can be found here. 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.

IN GAZA

• Four warehouses in Rafah are available for partners' storage, with a total space of 2,470 m². Deir al Balah and warehouse remain on hold. Storage is available for partners for up to seven days.
• Transport service is available from Rafah to the Logistics Cluster common warehouses in the Gaza Strip.
• Cargo notification service is available to inform partners once their cargo has arrived at the Rafah handover point from both Kerem Shalom and Rafah entry points.
• The Logistics Cluster started new data collection exercises as follows:
  o Storage capacity mapping update: As part of its planning for different scenarios and information updated on storage, the Logistics Cluster is regularly updating partners' storage capacity mapping in Gaza. Partners who already filled in the survey in October and December 2023 are also requested to update their data through the new form. This update will also help identify partners willing to share their storage capacity in other Governorates besides Rafah. Until now, 14 partners already responded. Partners are requested to provide this information through the following form.
  o The Logistics Cluster is also working on supporting partners to reach additional locations by joining the WFP-convoys to the middle and North of Gaza. The Logistics Cluster distributed a survey asking partners who are interested in joining the convoys to provide information on the areas they would like to reach and the weight of cargo they are planning to transport through this form. Until now, six partners have completed the form.
• The Logistics Cluster started collecting Physical Access Constraints (PAC) from partners regarding information on road conditions in terms of accessibility. To facilitate information sharing, the Logistics Cluster proposed three methods in which partners will report the status of the road: "passable, not passable, passable with difficulties" as follows:
Excel Sheet: in this excel sheet, partners can update the accessibility of the roads, physical obstacles, and road coordinates.
- Download the Gaza map offline: select the location in the map, copy the coordinates, and send the locations together with the status of the road.
- WhatsApp: partners can share information and photos of road conditions with +20 106 319 8357.

The Logistics Cluster will keep updating the information on the LogIE tool on the webpage. Partners interested in accessing this information can reach out bilaterally to Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org. The Logistics Cluster will share with partners a one-pager on how to report Physical Access Constraints (PAC) through logIE.

**IN JORDAN**

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to common transport services from Jordan through the King Hussein Bridge/Allenby – Nitzana – Gaza route (KHB). The service is currently available to users at no cost. For this route, the Logistics Cluster also offers support in the consolidation (storage up to 4 days) facility where cargo is consolidated and dispatched in trucks.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitates the convoy coordination services for the Amman – Aqaba – Nuweibaa – Arish – Gaza route. WFP and the Logistics Cluster support the coordination; however, partners must provide their own trucks and must be registered in Egypt, following the standard procedures that are used to bring cargo from Arish to Gaza.

### 3. Jordan Corridor Updates

- On 5 March, 24 trucks carrying food, shelter, and WASH items were dispatched from Amman through KHB route (back-to-back modality) on behalf of three organizations. In total, 548 trucks have been dispatched from Jordan. Lately, there has been a significant decrease in terms of the volume of trucks travelling through this route, whereas only one convoy has been approved to move per week, although the initial plan was two convoys per week.
- According to the pipeline, 12 organizations have cargo ready to be dispatched and are waiting for the next convoys.
- The lead time of the back-to-back convoys is 2-3 days. However, it has been significantly longer with holds in Nitzana and Kerem Shalom (KS). This route has shorter lead times than the cargo coming through the Egyptian corridor, which adds a significant advantage for partners.
- 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 KHB convoys, partners are requested to submit their cargo details through the Service Request Form (SRF).
- As a part of the information-sharing activities, the Logistics Cluster publicly launched The Interagency Convoy dashboard. This dashboard displays detailed information on the inter-agency convoys dispatched.
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from Jordan through both King Hussein and Aqaba-Nuweibaa routes to support Gaza response. The information is updated as of 6 March 2024.

- IMPACCT Working Group continues to collect questions and challenges related to the customs processes through the dedicated form.

- There have been discussions with some ministry officials in Jordan to identify suppliers with the capacity for export and can support humanitarian partners in the process.

- The Logistics Cluster is collaborating with HELP Logistics to update Jordan's Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA).

- Question regarding the reception of cargo in Amman. The Logistics Cluster clarified that all detailed information can be checked at the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). For more information, partners can reach out directly to Michael.klobucar@wfp.org.

- Question regarding the current priorities for the Jordan corridor in terms of types of cargo. The Logistics Cluster clarified that it is not limited to food and partners across the different sectors can send cargo through this corridor. The cargo prioritization is done through the ICCG in Jerusalem. The Logistics Cluster is working with the ICCG to identify a strategy for load prioritization based on the different commodities.

- Question regarding the insurance for shipping from Amman to Gaza. The Logistics Cluster clarified that partners are responsible for the insurance of their cargo as indicated in the SOPs. Partners access Logistics Cluster-facilitated services at their own risk.

- IMPACCT Working Group is collecting information to understand what the actual needs are.

- Question regarding the number of trucks anticipated to be part of the Direct modality. The Logistics Cluster clarified that this will be an initial pilot convoy with 50 trucks. The trucks are commercial Jordanian trucks with Jordanian drivers contracted through the WFP.

- Question regarding papers/documents needed for the Jordanian Tax Department to procure items from Jordan or outside for a registered organization in Jordan. The Logistics Cluster suggested discussing bilaterally as organizations have several options.

- A partner, that is not registered in Jordan and consigning its cargo to Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) asked if they could access Logistics Cluster-facilitated services. The Logistic Cluster facilitates access to services for both international NGOs and JHCO. Regarding the priority of the cargo, this is decided at the ICCG.

- Question regarding customs clearances in the government-to-government modality, if it is still needed. The Logistics Cluster is still requesting partners to do customs clearance for all their cargo before

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submitting the SRF. Partners will be informed if there is a new strategy to be followed or if any waiver is being granted.

4. Egypt Corridor Updates

- The IMPACCT Working Group dedicated form to collect customs or importation questions remains open.
- As of 6 March, 930 UN and International NGOs trucks are reported in Al Arish waiting to be manifested to cross into Gaza. Last week, a backlog of approximately 1,500 UN/INGOs trucks was reported due to the intermittent closure of the border crossings as well as security instability.
- In the past four days, around 180 UN/International NGOs trucks were manifested and crossed into Gaza daily.
- The Logistics Cluster is supporting the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) with equipment and technical advice on the new truck yard that has been established near the Sunbula scanning point. Currently, the yard can accommodate around 3,000 trucks. Trucks are being inspected and verified in Al Arish and afterwards, they move to the new truck yard. There will be separate areas for UN/INGOs trucks and separate areas for ERC trucks.
- OCHA Trucks shipment Notification & UN/INGO Manifest Analysis dashboards have been disseminated through the WhatsApp group. It provides the number of trucks currently waiting in Al Arish and the number of trucks expected to arrive in Al Arish in the next 48 hours. The information is mainly received daily by the Logistics Cluster from the ERC. It is not considered comprehensive because it does not cover the trucks received from the ERC bilaterally. Partners are encouraged to use the notification form regularly as it links to the planning, pipeline, and manifest preparations.
- 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 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.
- Question related to the new truck yard operational arrangements. The Logistics Cluster clarified that the truck yard has been operational since 22 February. It was highlighted that manifested trucks heading to Gaza go through this yard.

5. 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 on 11 January. Of the 145 submissions, 88 have been cleared, 18 have been
rejected, and 39 are still pending. ASU continues to share a weekly list of items submitted by partners for pre-approval with COGAT.

- The average waiting time is now 28 days.
- The approvals for this week were 15 items, including electrical medical equipment, surgical instruments, and some water tanks.
- The rejections for this week were 3 items, including some high-tech medical and communication equipment.
- ASU announced that COGAT has started issuing a reference number for the pre-cleared item. When the organization shares the truck and driver's details with ASU at rice@un.org, and OCHA team in Arish, it can use that reference number along with the item details to better track the item. In addition, this will allow COGAT to have greater clarity on how items in the truck relate to the pre-clearance provided and will reduce rejections of pre-cleared items at the crossing points. ASU will share more details on this system through emails.
- ASU has been working on enhancing information management regarding the pre-clearance processes. This includes providing accurate tracking of individual cases of partners, helping identify trends in clearances and rejections, and providing better evidence for advocacy on rejected and pending items.
- ASU requests organizations that were granted bilateral approval for sensitive items by COCAT to keep ASU informed.
- 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 on by the Humanitarian Coordinator and donors. If any organization rejects the submission of any advocacy on their behalf by the HCT, please reach out to ASU before 18 March.
- Question if there is a timeline or expiry date for the pre-approval process. ASU clarified that there is none.
- Question related to tents with metal poles. ASU advised partners to submit the request and provide all requested information.
- A partner asked if in case the pre-clearance request is pending if items can be consigned in the Jordan convoys. The Logistics Cluster clarified that it will not accept any item that has not been granted pre-clearance. In addition, ASU clarified that if an item is rejected at the crossing point, there might be a risk of rejecting the whole truck.
- To submit items for pre-approval, partners can fill out the Access Support Unit (ASU) online pre-approval request form.

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6. Humanitarian Response Planning for the different scenarios in Gaza - ICCG

- ICCG announced that the Flash Appeal is being updated to cover April through December 2024. It will be divided into three months phases.
- The document is a resource mobilization document that will mainly include the latest information available. It will not include a comprehensive needs analysis or a plan (it is not an HRP). It is an estimation of the humanitarian community requirements for the West Bank and Gaza till the end of the year. It will be supplemented by operational plans developed separately for Gaza and the West Bank along appropriate time frames.
- For Gaza, two plans have been developed recently with all clusters. The first plan is a 30-day ceasefire plan. The second is a contingency plan in case of an incursion in Rafah. Partners, through the cluster coordinators, identified the resource requirements for each plan, including goods and items.
- These plans will be circulated among partners, and they are subject to change.
- To operationalize each plan, cluster coordinators will be asked to offer an estimation of how many trucks of what sectoral content they would need for each location (North, middle area and the South) and across what timelines.
- Cluster coordinators meet on a weekly basis to define the prioritization of the most needed goods in consultation with local and International NGO partners. In the second step, the list is shared with the JOC to revise the inputs and suggest changes (if needed). This list is translated into an estimation of the percentage of trucks for each sector.
- Question if the Logistics Cluster is tracking the availability of some specialized equipment i.e., forklifts needed in the North and if that is included in the ceasefire plan. The Logistics Cluster clarified that a list of equipment is ready and shared with UNHRD. The Logistics Cluster is looking at the availability of suppliers in Jordan, Egypt and Israel.
- Question if the Logistics Cluster has more details on the availability of any temperature-controlled warehouses or MSUs that could be used for specialized medical commodities and if this is part of the ceasefire plan. The Logistics Cluster is waiting for COGAT pre-approval for the deployment of 2 Temperature-Controlled Units (TCU) in Gaza. TCUs are similar to an MSU but temperature-controlled (using generators).
- Question related to the current restriction on the number of trucks in convoys coming through the Jordan corridor. The Logistics Cluster clarified that the restriction on the number of trucks and convoys is that the back-to-back modality is the only operational modality agreed upon by COGAT. For this specific modality, a huge work of coordination takes place, and only 24 trucks per convoy and two convoys per week are allowed. As stated previously, the Logistics Cluster is currently in its final stages.
and advocating for the direct government-to-government modality in which the number of trucks as well as the frequency of convoys might increase.

**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.
- Several partners have been/are supporting humanitarian organizations by facilitating access to the airlifts: ECHO/HULO, Airbus, UNHRD and UPS. HULO in collaboration with ECHO is collecting requests from humanitarian organizations for the airlifts to support the Gaza response through the hulo platform.
- Partners are requested to ensure each pallet is properly labelled – mark pallets from all sides, showing donor and partner in Gaza who will pick-up the items.
- Each pallet should be wrapped with 4 layers of shrink plastic wrap and should be secured with plastic binding.
- On 14 March, the Palestine Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will resume hosting attendants in person in Jerusalem as well.

**The next Palestine Logistics Cluster coordination meeting will be held on 14 March 2024 at 11:00**

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