Meeting Minutes, 4 March 2024
Palestine Logistics Cluster, In Gaza coordination meeting

LOCATION
Rafah, Gaza Strip, in-person

DATE
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CHAIR
Palestine Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS

ACTION POINTS
- Partners are invited to share their lists of suppliers with Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org. The Logistics Cluster will circulate a compiled list on a regular basis.
- Partners to increase the visibility items on all sides of the pallets for easier identification.
- Partners to share with the Logistics Cluster information on the physical status of the roads and constraints via Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org
- Partners to share their current storage capacity in Gaza by filling the form.
- The Logistics Cluster to share with partners a one-pager on how to report Physical Access Constraints (PAC) through logIE.

AGENDA
1. Logistics Cluster Common Services
2. Physical Access Constraints (PAC)
3. Operational Update
4. AOB

1. 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 or the Excel SRF file to Palestine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org.
- The Palestine Logistics Cluster has updated its Concept of Operations (ConOps) and ConOps map, which are published on the operation webpage.

IN GAZA
- Four warehouses in Rafah are available for partners’ storage, with a total space of 2,470 m². Deir al Balah and Khan Younis warehouses remain on hold. Storage is available for partners for up to seven days.

https://logcluster.org/en/ops/pse23a
The Logistics Cluster 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.

Question related to the Logistics Cluster warehouses in Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah. The Logistics Cluster clarified that due to the current security conditions, the two warehouses in these areas remain on hold.

**IN JORDAN**

The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to common transport services from Jordan for the King Hussein Bridge/Allenby – Nitzana – Gaza route. The service is currently available to users at no cost.

The Logistics Cluster facilitates the convoy coordination services for the Amman – Aqaba – Nuweiba – Arish – Gaza.

A partner requested more information on the convoy coordination services from Amman to Gaza. The Logistics Cluster clarified that the same service-request process applies to access logistics services through the Jordan Corridor (King Hussein bridge route). Partners willing to access the Logistics Cluster services through the Jordan Corridor can submit the online Service Request Form (SRF). After accepting the SRF, the applicant will receive an email with the QR code that partners are requested to put on all sides of their pallets for visibility. For more information, partners can reach out directly to the Logistics Cluster Officer based in Amman Michael Klobucar via email Michael.klobucar@wfp.org.

**IN EGYPT**

The Logistics Cluster common service warehouse in Port Said (800 pallets), Egypt was discontinued at the end of February as storage is not identified as a current gap. Assessment of logistics gaps and needs remains ongoing.

2. **Physical Access Constraints (PAC)**

The Logistics Cluster will start collecting Physical Access Constraints (PAC) from partners regarding information on roads conditions in terms of accessibility.

To facilitate information sharing, the Logistics Cluster proposed two methods as follows:

- **Excel Sheet**: in this excel sheet partners can update the accessibility of the roads, difficulties encountered whatsoever, and road coordinates.

- **WhatsApp groups**: 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 to access this information, can reach out bilaterally to Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org. The Logistics Cluster to share with partners a one-pager on how to report Physical Access Constraints (PAC) through logIE.
3. Operational Update

- Storage capacity mapping update: As part of its planning for different scenarios and information updated on storage, the Logistics Cluster is updating partners’ storage capacity in Gaza. This will also help to identify partners willing to share their storage capacity in other Governorates besides Rafah. Until now, 10 partners already responded. Partners are requested to provide this information through the following form.
- The Logistics Cluster is also asking partners that are interested in joining WFP-convoy to the middle and north of Gaza to provide information on the areas they would like to reach and the weight of cargo they are planning to transport through this form.
- Question if Local NGOs can join the convoy to the North. The Logistics Cluster clarified that Logistics Cluster services are available for UN Agencies, International Humanitarian Organisations, and International or National Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) operating in Gaza.
- Question requesting clarification on the transportation service. The Logistics Cluster clarified that in the online form, applicant is asked to indicate the destination in addition to the requirements and needs. Once there is a convoy to that destination, partner will be notified for the planning phase.

4. AOB

- Crossings: Rafah crossing has been closed in the last few days. The Logistics Cluster highlighted that until now the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) has no further update on the re-opening of the crossing. During the past week, all convoys manifested to pass through Rafah crossing were directed to Kerem Shalom (KS).
- A partner asked on the transportation from Kerem Shalom to Rafah Transshipment Point. It was clarified that only one transporter is moving the cargo from Kerem Shalom to the transshipment point. The Logistics Cluster will liaise the partner with UNRWA to check if partners can use their own contracted transporter.
- The Logistics Cluster raised that in the GNA survey, 50% of the respondents indicated a need for forklifts/handling equipment. Some partners specified that they lack small forklifts to offload the cargo from the trucks into their warehouses. The Logistics Cluster will follow up to understand if there is a lack of these items in the market.
- 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.

The next Logistics Cluster meeting in Gaza will be on 11 March at 10:00 in Rafah in-person only.

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