
Meeting Minutes, 28 February 2022

Ukraine Humanitarian Response, Global Coordination Call



LOCATION	Online
DATE	28 February 2022
CHAIR	Global Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Airlink, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Alight, Americares, CARE, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), DHL, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)/Palladium, GOAL Global, HELP Logistics, IMPACCT, International Medical Corps, International Organisation for Migration, International Rescue Committee, Medical Teams International, Operations & Supply Chain Management (OSCM) Department of Operational Support (UNDOS), Project HOPE, Save the Children International, ShelterBox, Solidarités International, Tekla World Healthcare (THW), The UPS Foundation, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations World Health Organisation (WHO), Welthungerhilfe
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partners are encouraged to visit the dedicated Logistics Cluster country page to get the latest logistical information: https://logcluster.org/ukr22aPartners are asked to fill out the geographic area of interest questionnaire using the following link: UKRAINE - Global Logistics Cluster mailing list Sign-up Form (wfp.org).
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">In-Country UpdateLogistics Coordination MechanismsRegional and Upstream Supply ChainPartner Information ExchangeAOBFollow Up

1. In-Country Updates

- Ukraine (UKR) authorities suspended their import procedures on 27 February. They are letting humanitarian cargo in without duties or full customs checks from all Western entry points.
- Prior to the conflict the logistics sector was well developed, with professionalised logistics services available throughout the country.
- Road/Rail:**
 - Trucking and rail capacity available but on standby, situation inside Ukraine to be assessed.
 - Reported restriction on movement of Ukrainian commercial vehicles to neighbouring countries.

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- Commercial trucking companies operating outside Ukraine are reluctant to enter Ukraine due to security and insurance-related issues.
- **Ports:** Closed until further notice.
- **Airspace:** Ukraine air space remains closed to commercial traffic (case-by-case basis under direction of UKR armed forces).
- Major supply chain disruptions and increases in global fuel prices are expected (possible further rises in shipping cost).
- In-country situation still subject to full assessment. The Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) is working with UKR Logistics Working Group and regional/global partners to exchange information.
- Proposed Concept of Operations UKR:
 - **Temporary storage services** across the country including handling and consolidation. Planned locations include: Lviv, Kiev, and Odessa.
 - **Transport** from the point of entry into Ukraine to Logistics Cluster facilitated storage locations.
 - Transport provided from the main Logistics Cluster facilitated hubs to strategic locations. Pickup and delivery from/to other locations on a case-by-case basis.

2. Logistics Coordination Mechanisms

- Existing Logistics Working Group (LWG) in Ukraine, co-chaired by OCHA and UNHCR.
- The Humanitarian Country Team has requested the activation of the Logistics Cluster and the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster. Though the Logistics Cluster has not yet been activated, it will begin to operate on an 'as-if-activated' basis to support the response.
- A Logistics Cluster Coordination Cell will be activated in Kyiv with a dedicated Logistics Cluster Coordinator to support the sectoral coordination mechanism currently in place.
- The Logistics Cluster will, in close cooperation with OCHA, advocate on behalf of all humanitarian organisations for simplification and streamlining of official requirements for humanitarian cargo transport.
- Coordination of upstream pipeline cargo in neighbouring countries to minimise duplication of efforts, as well as close coordination with humanitarian actors responding to the refugee influx.
- Partner mechanisms:
 - EU Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC)
 - Supporting the Polish government with upstream supply chain mechanisms.
 - UN OCHA GVA Coordination Cell
 - Made up of multiple organisations and based in Geneva.
 - UNHCR Refugee Response Plan (3RP)

3. Regional and Upstream Supply Chain

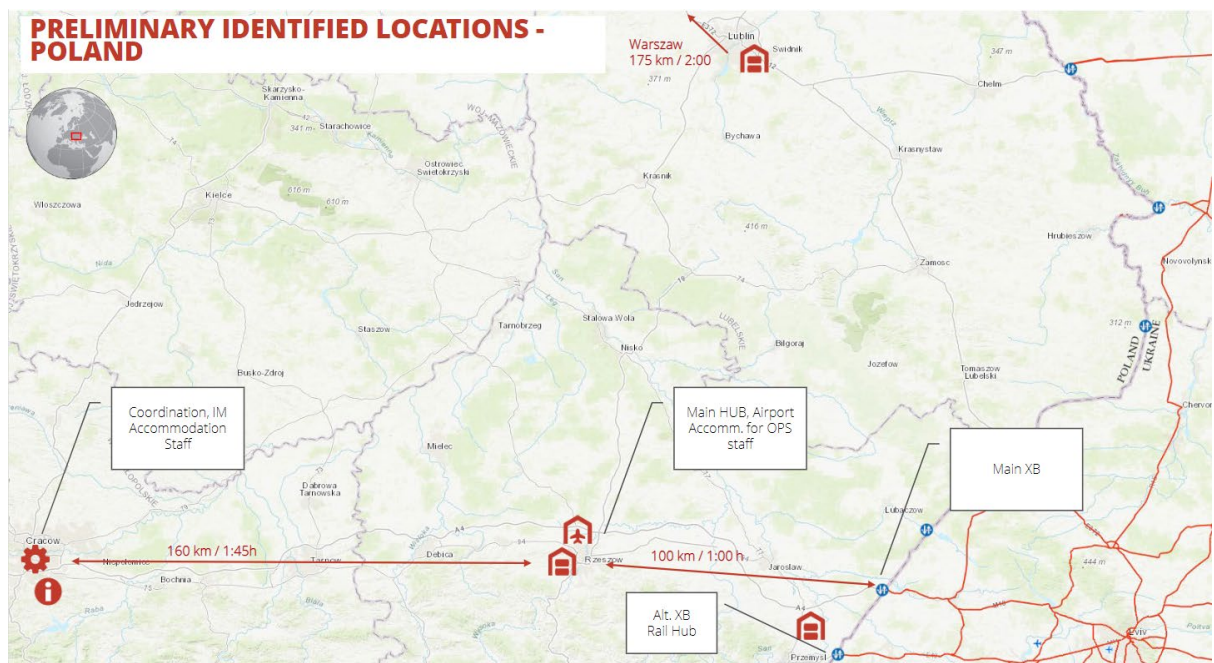
- Possible Points of Entry to Ukraine:

Poland	Yahodyn (rail and road) Ustiluh (road) Rava-Ruska (rail and road) Krakivets (road) Shehyni (road and foot) Smilnytsia (road) Hrushniv (road) Uhryniv (road)
Slovak Republic	Mali Selmentsi (foot/cycle) Malyi Bereznyi/Ubl'a (road, foot) Ushhorod/VysneNemecke (road, rail)
Republic of Hungary	Chop (Tysa) (road) Dzvinkove(road) Kosyno(road) Luzhanka(road) Vylok(road)
Romania	Diakove (road and rail) Solotvino (road and foot) Porubne/Siret (road and foot)
Moldova	Mohyliv-Podilskyi (road and rail) Maiaky-Udobne (road) Plus 40 other minor crossings

- Poland Operation
 - Overview:
 - Strong network capacity in Poland for rail / road / storage that extends to the Polish/Ukrainian border, including pharma/cold chain transport and cold storage. However storage space remains a bottleneck.
 - Downstream transportation to Ukraine is a concern and most of the Ukrainian trucking companies do not have the license to cross into Poland. A temporary waiver process may need to be created to enable this kind of cross dock/ flow model.
 - Some transporters willing to enter Ukraine have been identified.
 - No fuel shortage scenarios have been considered so far. Supply from Poland can be an option to look into as a contingency measure.
 - GLC has deployed staff (1 coordinator, 1 ops co, 1 Information Management Officer) to Krakow, Poland to be ready for scale up.
 - The Logistics Cluster Global Support Team (planned activities):
 - Cargo will be consolidated and stored at pre-defined staging areas, likely in or around Rzeszow, Poland for limited periods of time.

- Common transport services will be provided on behalf of the humanitarian community between storage hubs and locations inside of Ukraine. The provision of storage service will only be available in case of limited availability of transport.
- Potential convoys traveling from Poland to Ukraine, and onward movement of cargo to storage hubs in Ukraine, including cross border shipping and transshipping as required.
- Potential cargo transport into Ukraine using existing railway infrastructure. The possibility of consolidation and onward transportation of humanitarian cargo from other countries will be continually assessed based on identified gaps and partner's needs.

○ Preliminary identified locations in Poland:



○ Notes on operations:

- Storage: Partners have started securing warehouses for storage in Rzeszow and Lublin in Poland and Lviv in Ukraine.
- Customs: A partner from IMPACCT confirmed free movement when importing from a European country to another European country. It is therefore recommended that organisations use the customs procedure to import into Poland rather than to the EU or to another border country of operation. In Poland, organisations can submit a form for freedom of movement of goods to the Poland customs offices and then move freely to other EU countries according to operational needs.

○ Poland - Ukraine Border Crossing:

- E40 is the most direct road corridor from Poland to Ukraine (Kiev via Lviv).
- Customs/ crossing points:

- Korczowa (passenger and goods traffic).
 - Medyka (passenger traffic, including pedestrian and goods traffic).
 - Budomierz (passenger and goods traffic up to 3.5 tons).
 - Krościenko (passenger and goods traffic up to 7.5 tons).
 - Przemyśl (passenger rail traffic).
 - Railway:
 - Przemysl (POL) – Lviv (UKR) and Lviv (UKR) –Medyka (POL): open but limited (mostly available for passenger crossing).
 - Broad Gauge Metallurgy Line (Polish: Linia Hutnicza Szerokotorowa, LHS) - pending agreement with the Ministry of Infrastructures.
 - Cargo train options to be further assessed.
- Upstream Supply Chain
 - Air/Sea/Overland:
 - Cargo Consolidation opportunities/needs.
 - Storage/Staging:
 - Poland, Romania, Moldova, Hungary, Slovakia.
 - Cross-border.
 - Pipeline visibility.
 - Customs and importation:
 - Into UKR.
 - Into Neighbouring Countries.

4. Partner Information Exchange

- Critical Needs Q&As:
 - Import challenges in-country and in neighbouring countries/EU (Poland, Romania, Moldova (non-EU), Hungary, Slovakia).
 - Partners are interested in information about Rzeszow airport procedures and challenges. Though there is not a formal agreement with the airport, there have been discussions about the operational needs and there is an interest in working together.
 - Partners asked if it would be possible to take goods to the border and then load them into Ukrainian trucks across the border to work around current transportation issues. Loading trucks across the border is a time-consuming process and is not currently considered the optimal solution.
 - Partners asked if convoys would be used to reach cities that are surrounded by non-government-controlled territory and are otherwise cut off from outside assistance. The use of convoys has not been established yet. Questions on their use should be

addressed in a bi-lateral context or at a later date when their need has been established.

- Registration/ Accreditation
 - The legal statuses of humanitarian organisations and operations are being developed in the neighbouring countries.
- Commodity Specific Challenges.
- Pipeline Visibility - Call for partners.
- Storage/staging needs - Call for partners.
- Cross-border activities (cargo and passengers) - Information from partners.
- Fuel provision– Gaps and Needs
- Response Activities from neighbouring countries.

5. AOB

- Partners and clusters are encouraged to reach out to each other to avoid competition over assets. Any information that can be shared regarding transporters and storage is appreciated.

6. Follow Up

- The GLC Support Team is setting up a dedicated mailing list for Ukraine and associated regional operations to facilitate ongoing communication and information sharing.
- To streamline information sharing by geographic area of interest please fill in this questionnaire: [UKRAINE - Global Logistics Cluster mailing list Sign-up Form \(wfp.org\)](#).
- In the interim, should you wish to share any needs or information on the humanitarian logistics response to UKR, or wish to be added to the mailing list, please reach out to: UKR.GLC@wfp.org.

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