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# Meeting Minutes, 25 March 2024

Palestine Logistics Cluster, In Gaza coordination meeting



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Rafah, Gaza Strip, in-person
<b>DATE</b>	1 April 2024
<b>CHAIR</b>	Palestine Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Action Against Hunger (ACF), Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), CARE, Cooperazione Internazionale Sud-Sud (CISS), Global Empowerment Mission (GEM), Solidarite Internationale (SI), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Shelter Cluster, UK-Med, United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO)
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Partners are invited to share their lists of suppliers with <a href="mailto:Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org">Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org</a>. The Logistics Cluster will circulate a compiled list regularly.</li><li>Partners to increase the visibility of items on all sides of the pallets for easier identification.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gaza updates</li><li>Logistics Cluster Common Services</li><li>Egypt corridor</li><li>Jordan corridor</li><li>AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Gaza updates

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- The Logistics Cluster presented the organigram with the staffing; the overall team in Gaza includes three international staff and two national teams.
- The arrival of 22 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to Gaza is expected during the next two weeks. Ten units are already allocated to UNRWA, 8 to be kept for contingency planning, 2 for NGO, and 2 for partners' requests. To request it, partners are encouraged to contact bilaterally [jeanfrancois.cuche@wfp.org](mailto:jeanfrancois.cuche@wfp.org) (and/or [Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org](mailto:Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org)).
- The WFP warehouse in Al Bayuk was extended by 1000 m2, bringing up to 3,470 m2 the total capacity available in Rafah for partners.

- The update on warehouse assessment in the Middle area continues. The Inter-Cluster Coordination Group prioritization for Gaza had been presented to the partners. The list is discussed and updated on a weekly basis.

## 2. Logistics Cluster Common Services

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- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to common logistics services in Gaza and Jordan. A summary of the services can be found [here](#). Partners wishing to access 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](#) and verify the request that will be received in their inbox.

### IN GAZA

- Four warehouses in Rafah are available for partners' storage, with a total space of 3,470 m<sup>2</sup>. Capacity in Rafah has been extended to 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> with the expansion of the WFP warehouse. Storage is available for partners for up to seven days.
- Transport service is available from Rafah Transshipment Point to the Logistics Cluster common warehouses in the Rafah.
- Cargo notification services are available to inform partners once their cargo has arrived at the Rafah handover point from both Kerem Shalom and Rafah entry points.

### IN JORDAN

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to common transport services from Jordan through the King Hussein Bridge/Allenby – Nitzana – Gaza route (KHB). Like all Logistics Cluster common services, they are available at no cost to the users. For this route, the Logistics Cluster also offers support in the consolidation (storage up to 4 days - equipped with cold chain capacity) facility where cargo is consolidated and dispatched in trucks.

### THE UPDATES IN QR CODES

- Currently, the updated QR codes include the point of departure and the name of the sender in the letters on top of the QR, so they became clearly visible.
- The QR code also includes information about the name of the warehouse where the cargo should arrive.
- The Logistics Cluster emphasizes the importance of placing QR codes on the visible part of cargo under the plastic covering to ease the identification of items.

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### 3. Egypt corridor

- The Logistics Cluster analyzed the number of trucks manifested and the actual crossings to Kerem Shalom. There has been a decrease in the number of trucks crossing Kerem Shalom daily, although the manifest has increased in terms of the number of trucks.
- Currently, only 55% of the trucks from UN and INGO crossed into the Karem Shalom.
- For example, on 27 March, 150 Trucks were manifested, but only 56 crossed.

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### 4. Jordan corridor

- The Logistics Cluster offers cost-free transportation services via the back-to-back convoy departing from the King Hussein Bridge crossing and entering Gaza. Last week, there were three convoys with 72 trucks carrying cargo from six partners.
- This week, two convoys by the Logistics Cluster have been planned.
- Last week, a training session for the partners on how to fill out the [Service Request Form](#) was organized and attended by partners online and in person in Amman.
- The Logistics Cluster reminds partners to fill out the [Service Request Form](#) if they want to use cluster services.

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### 5. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster is compiling a list of suppliers provided by partners. If partners want to access the file or to send their suppliers' list, they can do so by writing to [palestine.logcluster@wfp.org](mailto:palestine.logcluster@wfp.org).
- The Logistics Cluster is also compiling information on physical access inside Gaza. If partners have additional information, they are encouraged to share it via [Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org](mailto:Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org).
- Partners are requested to ensure each pallet is properly labelled – mark pallets from all sides, showing the consignee logo and the SRF's QR codes.
- Each pallet should be wrapped with four layers of shrink plastic wrap and (ideally) secured with plastic binding.
- Partners with questions about moving cargo through the Jordan corridor can contact [michael.klobucar@wfp.org](mailto:michael.klobucar@wfp.org) (and/or [Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org](mailto:Palestine.logcluster@wfp.org)).
- Logistics Cluster mentioned that in Jordan, before dispatch of the convoy, there is a superintendent in place who visits all of the partner's locations where they're departing from to check and measure and make sure that the pallets correspond to all of the requirements according to SOPs, including the QR codes.
- Logistics Cluster proposed to resume discussion on increasing the maximum storage time to two weeks. To facilitate this discussion, the Logistics Cluster will prepare statistics from RITA about storage capacity trends in the Gaza warehouses to analyse the trends.

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**The next Logistics Cluster meeting in Gaza will be on 8 April at 10:00 in Rafah in person only.**

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