
Meeting Minutes, 24 April 2024

Global Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)



LOCATION	Online
DATE	24 April 2024
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ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Operational Highlights2. Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW)3. Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) – May 20244. Working Group Updates5. CALP Update

1. Operational Highlights

Haiti Emergency:

- There is strong coordination among partners at the regional and national levels.
- Donors support the partner community with free-to-user air services from Panama to Haiti.
- Should there be a need for storage services in Cap-Haitien, the Haiti Logistics Sector team will evaluate the possibility for renting additional storage space or make additional storage space available to partners within WFP-managed warehouses for cargo consolidation purposes.
- At the moment, transport from Cap-Haitien to other locations within Haiti is being coordinated by the partners themselves but, should there be a need, the Haiti Logistics Sector team will explore possible support modalities.
- Conversations are ongoing with the Logistics Emergency Team (LET) to assess possible areas of support, including a potential deployment of vessels and the definition of vessel rotations, along with possible cargo consolidation support in the Dominican Republic.

The Conflict in Gaza:

- Custom clearance procedures for cargo coming through the Jordan corridor are under discussion with Israeli authorities.
- The maritime corridor is under definition and development, to ensure there is no congestion of any type of cargo at the shores of Gaza.
- There has been a slight increase in trucks passing via Kerem Shalom into Gaza. Hopefully, this trend will continue but, in light of possible future interventions in the area, this could be fully disrupted.
- The Logistics Emergency Team (LET) mechanism was officially activated to support the partner community outside Gaza. Warehousing capacities are being assessed, and fuel tanks can possibly be provided.

- WFP has only received approval to bring wheat flour into the Gaza Strip, and no other commodities.

Somalia:

- The Somalia Logistics Cluster team, in close coordination with the Logistics Cluster team in Rome, is closely in contact with the European Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) to ensure there is clarity on the various roles and mandates of the various services provided by WFP in Somalia.

Central African Republic (CAR):

- Fabrice Perrot visited Bangui because of a scoping visit on behalf of the SAG and Solidarités International. His main findings refer to the fact that:
 - The work of the CAR Logistics Cluster team is well-appreciated. The service provision-related activities are smaller than in other operations, but, in terms of information management and coordination support, partners do engage regularly with the team.
 - Funding for humanitarian activities is very poor. The set-up of local SAG meetings could support advocacy efforts for improved funding envelopes.
 - An increase in training initiatives with a focus on Logistics Cluster Induction (LCI) trainings will support awareness-raising on the relevance of the Logistics Cluster activities at national levels.
- Both in CAR and Burkina Faso, the Airbus Foundation supports Cluster activities with the provision of rotating helicopter hours.

2. Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships (HNPW) Week

- The HNPW takes place from 29 April to 10 May in Geneva.
- The Logistics Cluster team in Rome is involved in the following online sessions:
 - Through a Localization Lens: Supply Chain Preparedness and Resilience practices and lessons learned in Asia and the Pacific (30 April)
 - Environmental Sustainability in Humanitarian Logistics – A partnership project for a “greener” logistics response (WREC update) (30 April)
 - Promoting collaboration and communication among internal and external stakeholders to facilitate the transition toward a Circular Economy in the Humanitarian Supply Chain Sector. (30 April)
 - Hacia la localización en América Latina : fortalecimiento de las cadenas de suministro locales, casos prácticos y lecciones aprendidas (30 April)
- The Logistics Cluster team in Rome is involved in the following in-person sessions:
 - 19 Years of Collaborative Excellence: How the Logistics Cluster Approach Reshaped Humanitarian Logistics (6 May)
 - Logistics Data-sharing Supporting Disaster Management (7 May)
 - A supply chain framework for the future: perspectives from the signatories of the Call to Action to reduce the emissions of humanitarian supply chains (Where are we in the decarbonization journey since the launch of COP 28?) (7 May)
 - Enhancing Logistics and Supply Chain Preparedness: A Collaborative Approach Across National Stakeholders and Humanitarian Actors in Malawi (8 May)

- Inter-cluster discussion on waste management in emergency operations: roles and responsibilities of each Cluster to come up with a plan (8 May)

3. Global Logistics Meeting (GLM) – May 2024

- The next GLM takes place at WFP HQ between 21 and 23 May 2024. The high-level agenda for the upcoming GLM addresses the following topics: the role of WFP as Cluster Lead Agency, traceability and digitalization, response strategies for different emergency scenarios, the role of preparedness, community solutions, strengthening of advocacy efforts, private sector engagement, medical logistics, environmental logistics, and stock-piling strategies. Partner updates will be provided and sessions are to be confirmed.
- A discussion is to be held on whether to keep the frequency of organizing two GLMs per year, or to reduce it to once per year, and on whether to organize the GLM in-person, online, or both. The value of online GLMs is to increase the participation of field-based colleagues.

4. Working Group Updates

- The Medical Logistics Working Group was established and the first meeting will be held in May 2024. The Working Group is being put in place to define what the role of the Logistics Cluster mechanism should be in an emergency where medical logistics support is required.
- In parallel, a Health Logistics Working Group has been established by the Health Logistics Cluster team in WHO and alignment efforts between the two working groups are going on.
- The Service Provision Working Group is currently looking into the GNA revision exercise.

5. CALP Update

- The “Cash Learning Partnership” (CALP) and the Logistics Cluster team in Rome met to discuss:
 - Possible streamlining of market assessments
 - The agility of moving between cash and in-kind support from a supply chain perspective]
 - Payment aggregators, pooling of resources, common payment services, joint contracting
- Discussions are to be held on whether the interaction between supply chain, emergency response and cash requires the development of a Cash Working Group under the Logistics Cluster umbrella.

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