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Syria Logistics Cluster

1. Operation Overview

- The next in-country Syria Logistics Cluster coordination meeting is scheduled for 14 January 2025
 (11:00am 12:00pm Syria local time). An invitation has been shared with partners. Minutes of the last coordination meeting held on 7 January 2025 are available here.
- The Syria Logistics Cluster has updated the <u>ConOps</u> to address logistics gaps and bottlenecks through coordination, information management and logistics services (limited temporary free-to-user storage services inside Syria).
- The <u>Syria Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)</u> outlining the Logistics Cluster services that will be made available to partners was published.
- Online Service Request Forms (SRF) and Release Order Forms (ROF) are now available to partners on the dedicated webpage. Partners can submit their requests through the below:
 - o SRF form
 - o ROF form
- The Syria Logistics Cluster <u>LogIE</u> page maintains the latest <u>Physical Access Constraints (PAC)</u> information mapping. A dedicated training is scheduled for partners to improve reporting via the platform. Further details will be shared via email for the below scheduled dates:
 - English Session: 28 January 2025
 - Arabic Session: 29 January 2025
- Syria Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate transshipment of humanitarian cargo via Bab al-Hawa and
 Bab al-Salam border crossings. In 2024, a total of 808 humanitarian trucks crossed the borders from
 Türkiye to Syria. In December 2024 alone, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the border crossing of 298 trucks
 carrying 4,758 mt of humanitarian cargo via the three borders.

2. Physical Access and Transport

Entry and Exit points:

Türkiye

- Bab al-Hawa, Bab al-Salam and Al Ra'ee crossings are open for humanitarian cargo.
- For the reporting period of 27 December 2024 10 January 2025, the Syria Logistics Cluster facilitated the transhipment of **53** trucks carrying **938.69mt** of cargo.

Jordan

- Borders between Jordan and Syria are operational for passengers with vehicle swap between the two border sides - with immigration or passport control on the Syrian side.
- Passengers can travel from Syria via Jordan through Queen Alia International Airport, exclusively by Royal Jordanian airlines with land transportation from Syria to Jordan provided by RJ buses.
- The borders are operational for cargo from Jordan to Syria, including transit and humanitarian cargo dedicated to Syria. The road from
- Nasib to Damascus is accessible (southern part of M5).

Iraq

- Partners have attempted to evaluate access via the Iraq corridor through the Fayshkhabour border.
- The Abu Kamal-Qa'im border crossing has been re-activated for the movement of commercial trucks between Syria and Iraq, with operations beginning without any imposed fees at the Syrian side. This

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measure aims to facilitate trade exchange between the two countries and enhance economic activity in the region.

Lebanon

- Al Masnaa Jdidet Yabus border crossing point is operational for passengers and vehicles for both ways with passport control in the Syrian side.
- Cargo movements are now permitted with the activation of customs system.

Inside Syria

• Al Tabka checkpoint is open for cargo and pedestrian crossing. As of 21 December 2024, the first humanitarian shipment crossed into Northeast Syria.

Ports:

- Lattakia Port damaged but partially operational for commercial activities. Part of the pending humanitarian shipments were released successfully.
- Tartus Port functional for break bulk commercial cargo. Some agencies managed to dispatch cargo to final destinations inside Syria.

Airports:

- Damascus Airport reopened on 7 January for international flights.
- Aleppo Airport expected to re-open on 12 January 2025.
- Qamishly Airport expected to re-open on 21 January 2025.
- Partners will be informed as soon as the UNHAS services resume.

Roads:

- M4 operational on the western side from Idleb to Aleppo city but not accessible in eastern Aleppo, and
 in rural areas.
- M5 is open from Damascus to Aleppo except Al Rastan bridge (Homs).
- Roads inside Raqqa and Hassakeh cities are fully accessible.
- Roads in the western part of Deir Ezzor are fully accessible.
- Masnaa-Damascus Road is reported to be open.

Fuel Updates:

- The smart card system is no longer functional for gasoline and diesel but remains operational for LPG.
- Fuel availability remains a concern as import procedures remain unclear, pending new government instructions.
- Trucks and cars can refuel at stations with prices fixed at international rates. The prices today are:
 - o Diesel 1.028\$ per L
 - o Gasoline (90)1.16 \$ per L
 - Gasoline (95)1.29 \$ per L

3. Partner Updates

- Lack of clarity on the new regulations to get HAC approval at the borders.
- Lack of clarity regarding new importation, customs clearance, and facilitation procedures.

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• The Logistics Cluster requires active partners engagement to report physical access constraints, road conditions, and logistics infrastructure status using the <u>Log-IE</u> platform.

4. Custom and Importation

Question and concerns related to Customs and Importation procedures for Syria can be shared with the
Importation and Customs Clearance Together (IMPACCT) network via email impacct2021@gmail.com or
via this form.

5. Coordination Meeting

The next coordination meeting is scheduled for 14 January 2024 11:00am - 12:00pm Syria local time.

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