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AGENDA:

1. Context and Access Updates
2. Syria Logistics Cluster Support
3. AOB

1. Context and Access Updates

WILDFIRES IN LATTAKIA

Wildfires in Lattakia, Syria have burned over 15,000 hectares, displacing around 2,000 people. The Syria Humanitarian Fund has allocated USD 625,000 to support emergency response. The UN is coordinating with local authorities and partners, with the Logistics Cluster monitoring the situation for potential support.

AS-SWEIDA SITUATION UPDATES

Fighting between local factions triggered a curfew and suspension of humanitarian operations. Civilians are fleeing without safe passage. Temporary shelters planned to be set up, humanitarian response underway. Logistics Cluster is on standby, assessing potential inter-agency convoy. WFP On-Demand-Services are active for partners.

TÜRKİYE-SYRIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND XBO

A new MoU revives the 2004 agreement, allowing direct international road transport without cargo transfers. This will ease trade and reduce costs. Road freight from Türkiye to Syria rose 60% in the first five months of 2025, reflecting improved conditions and renewed trade efforts.

OCHA confirmed the consent-based agreement extension, possibly marking its final phase. The transshipment mechanism may phase out by year-end, signalling a major shift in cross-border humanitarian logistics. The Logistics Cluster expects to begin phasing out operations, with full hub closure within Q4 2025.

NEW ENTRY VISA PROCEDURES TO SYRIA

The Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued a new visa fee schedule, effective 6 July 2025, covering both land and air entry. Fees range from 15USD – 800USD, based on nationality and visa type, payable in USD or SYP at official exchange rates. Applies at Damascus and Aleppo airports, and Jordan/Lebanon borders; status at Türkiye/Iraq borders remains unclear. Overstay fines remain at 5,000 SYP/day and

1,000 SYP fee, though payment procedures are unclear. Some nationalities require prior approval, partners can contact OCHA for further guidance.

FUEL PRICES AND EXCHANGE RATE ANALYSIS

- In June 2025, the national average price of fuel in Syria's formal market dropped to 8,486 SYP per Liter, down from 9,806 SYP in May, marking a 13.46% decrease. Similarly, the informal market saw a decline, with the average price falling to 8,767 SYP per Liter from 9,524 SYP, reflecting a 7.95% reduction. These decreases indicate a notable easing in fuel prices across both markets.
- In June 2025, the parallel market rate for the Syrian Pound strengthened, dropping by 6.15% from 10,392 SYP in May to 9,753 SYP. The official exchange rate saw only a marginal shift, decreasing by 0.05% to 11,050 SYP. Meanwhile, the UN exchange rate experienced a more notable adjustment, falling by 8.33% from 12,120 to 11,110 SYP.

BORDER CROSSINGS

Partners are encouraged to visit the [Syria LogIE page](#) for the latest access updates.

Türkiye – Syria

- Bab Al Hawa - Cilvegozu: the consent-based agreement is valid until February 2026.
- Bab Al Salameh - Oncupinar: agreement extended until February 2026.
- Al Raei - Cobanbey: agreement extended until February 2026.
- All borders are open for commercial cargo.

Iraq - Syria

- The Simalka - Fishkhabour is operational for both passengers and cargo.
- Rabiaa - Al Yarubiyah remains closed.
- Abu Kamal - Al-Qa'im is operational for cargo and passengers.

Jordan – Syria

- Nasib - Jaber remains fully operational for both passenger and cargo movement.

Lebanon – Syria

- Al Masnaa - Jdidet Yabus is open for passengers and vehicles both ways.
- Al Arida - Tartous is operational for passenger and private vehicles.
- Al Jusiya - El Qa'a (Homs) is fully operational for passengers and vehicles.
- Other BCPs remain closed.

PORTS & AIRPORTS

- Lattakia and Tartus Ports are fully functional at normal capacity.
- Damascus and Aleppo Airports are operational.
- Latakia, Qamishly, and Deir Ezzour Airports are expected to reopen on 21 August 2025.

2. Syria Logistics Cluster Support

COORDINATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- In response to the evolving situation in As-Sweida, the Logistics Cluster is conducting a feasibility assessment for potential support via an Inter-Agency Convoy. Humanitarian partners are

exploring access options and coordination frameworks to enable a timely and effective response.

- With support from OCHA, the Syria Logistics Cluster has submitted a request for reserve allocation from the SHF/SCHF to ensure continued operations of the Reyhanli transshipment hub through the end of 2025.
- The Logistics Cluster, along with other sectors participated in the ISCG meeting Emergency Response Plan for Drought-Like Conditions in Syria where it was agreed on further steps.

SERVICES

- From 16 June to 11 July, the Syria Logistics Cluster facilitated the cross-border operations. 446 UN trucks carrying humanitarian aid crossed the Bab al-Hawa borders from Türkiye to Syria. Updated dashboard is available [online](#).
- The Logistics Cluster continues to support partners through the provision of ODS storage services. As of now, a total of 352,318 units are stored, weighing a total of 125.4615 mt and occupying 848.623 cubic meters. These supplies support key sectors such as WASH, Protection, and Health.

Partners will be informed about the next coordination meeting via email.

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