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| AGENDA | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Humanitarian Reset and UN802. Operational updates: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Palestine, Syria3. German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) funding update4. Gear.Up5. Global Logistics Meeting6. LET "Port Ready" preparedness initiative7. AOB |
| ACTION POINTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide an update on the Training Working Group.• Assess the completion of the Service Provision Working Group Objectives for possible transition to a Community of Practice.• The Logistics Cluster to convey meetings with the Medical Logistics Working Group and the Advocacy Working Group.• The Logistics Cluster to send a communication regarding the upcoming GLM to all global focal points. |

Humanitarian Reset Updates

- The Logistics Cluster provided an update on the Humanitarian Reset and previous discussions around the merger of the Logistics Cluster and the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster under the Logistics and Telecommunications Cluster. The ongoing discussion is how to reflect logistics, telecommunications and aviation within future HNRPS. More guidance and information are expected to be issued in the coming months.
- One key upcoming activity for the Logistics Cluster is supporting the development of dedicated reference guidance for the Logistics and Telecommunications Cluster.



- The Logistics Cluster also explained that it is looking into identifying efficiencies while maintaining technical support, both with the telecommunications team and within supply chain, being moved to a new “Interagency Services” section within Supply Chain.
- An update was also provided on the UN80 process, with an ongoing discussion around setting up a UN integrated supply chain¹ that, even though related, should not be confused with the discussions around the Humanitarian Reset (initiative led by Tom Fletcher under the IASC framework.)

Operational Updates

- **Palestine:**
 - Additional IM support at the regional level is being deployed for Logistics Cluster operations.
 - New operational challenges were also highlighted:
 - The scanning capacity in Ashdod continues to be severely affected by Israeli authorities’ requirement for deep scanning (physical inspection) of containers, significantly limiting the daily volume of aid that can be cleared.
 - Access from Egypt now requires Israeli customs procedures which limits the organizations that can import.
- **Syria:**
 - The Logistics Cluster will work in **updating the Gaps & Needs Analysis (GNA)** and engage with the government counterparts.
 - The UN Transshipment Hub is initially planned to be phased out **by the end of the year**. Scenario planning is underway for deterioration/alternatives.
- **Afghanistan:**
 - Activation of the Logistics Cluster is not expected following the earthquake. A Gaps & Needs Analysis is underway, but no major logistical gaps have been identified from the initial conversations with partners. Still, many partners have flagged the lack of funding as one of the main constraints.
 - A WFP-led national logistics working group has been active in the country for many years. Coordination and IM activities were scaled up to support the first days of the response and WFP has also enabled temporary short-term storage and transport services at no cost to the user in the Jalalabad area. Depending on partners’ interest and funding availability, these services may be extended.

¹ More information on the integrated supply chain and the report presented to the Member States can be found [here](#)



- Regarding IM, [LogIE](#) has been updated with information obtained from the multisectoral assessment regarding access to the various populated areas since many villages are difficult to access (some only by foot or 4WD).
- **Pakistan:**
 - Similarly, no Logistics Cluster activation is expected in response to the monsoon, as coordination is being led by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
 - The Logistics Working Group continues to be active in the country, focusing on sharing IM resources through the dedicated [webpage](#) and [LogIE](#), and engaging with partners to identify areas of support.
- **Burkina Faso:**
 - Airbus continuation of air operations support was highlighted as a good inter-agency practice in complementarity.
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo:**
 - The warehouse that the Logistics Cluster had made available in Bukavu is planned to be phased out due to limited requests. Goma will remain open for the time being.
- **Sudan:**
 - A new coordination officer is deploying to support cross-border operations from Chad and increase coordination during the rainy season.

Global Updates

- **Gear.UP training:** The training, hosted by THW, will take place in Germany in September bringing together participants and facilitators from multiple humanitarian organizations. Gear.UP is a large-scale inter-agency operational exercise and functional training event designed to further advance the emergency response capabilities of the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) and the Logistics Cluster. The German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), main financial supporter of this training, will be visiting the exercise.
- **South Korea engagement:** Logistics Cluster training team has been invited to **South Korea** for a preparedness conversation with humanitarian actors with potential inclusion of the government/private sector.
- **LET Port Ready initiative:** the LET is asking the Logistics Cluster to act as an advisor on a possible project they will be launching about ensuring preparedness of ports for a humanitarian logistics response.
- **Additional funding from GFFO** has been confirmed to support country operations until the end of the year, particularly those more affected by the funding cuts. The operations suggested for funding are those more affected by the funding cuts (severe logistics gaps) and with capacity to implement the activities until the end of the year.



- **Overview of the existing Working Groups**
 - Medical Logistics Working Group: The group will start working on the agreed outcomes.
 - Advocacy Working Group: Draft procurement paper exists, a meeting needs to be reconvened to advance the remaining items.
 - Service Provision Working Group: some legal elements are being sorted out at the moment. It was noted that based on the objectives initially set up by the group (deliverables have been completed now), there may be a need to consider its transition to another mechanism, such as a Community of Practice. This would also broaden the engagement as currently it brings together only the humanitarian logistics provider.
 - Training Working Group: Currently mapping of public online trainings likely completed. It is pending confirmation whether the exercise has been completed, which would allow the group to be phased out due to completion of its objectives.
- **Global Logistics Meeting (GLM):** The next GLM will follow the same format as last year's with a kick-off informative session being held at the global level (in October) ,followed by country-level meetings and closing with another global session where the outcomes of the country meetings will be presented. All the global focal points will soon receive an email with all the information regarding the upcoming GLM.

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