

Fence Road Trucks Prioritization Process - 30 Aug 2024

Overview

- Logistics and access in Gaza are a continuing nightmare.
- As of 30 August 2024 very few trucks are being received by ShelterNFI Cluster partners in the **south of Gaza** (Rafah, Khan Younis, Middle Area governorate which is cut off from the north of Gaza).
 1. Trucks transiting via Kerem Shalom which is the main crossing into the south of Gaza urgently needs to be restarted because the capacity on the Fence Road is extremely limited.
 2. The fence road is a WFP agreed route, however, they are kindly allowing the Logs Cluster to support all clusters with up to 40 trucks per week in total. However, in reality between the 11th of Aug and 31st of Aug this has averaged around 20 trucks per week making it through the Fence road. This sometimes relates to either the truck or the driver being denied or the entire movement of trucks being cancelled or delayed for example. **There is significant uncertainty that even if prioritised by the SNFI cluster and agreed by the Gaza based Inter cluster group (ICCG) that this will result in successful movements of trucks.**
- This document tries to clarify the process for how the ShelterNFI Cluster partners can have items prioritised for the Fence Road. **However, for all logistics related issues, the agency should engage with the Palestine Logistics cluster.**

The process

- 1) For items trying to enter the south of Gaza, many trucks are waiting at Al-Arish, and the Logs Cluster is primarily trying to clear the backlog, under difficult and uncertain circumstances. SNFI cluster partners can not afford to have trucks waiting for long periods at any crossing including Al-Arish.
- 2) Each Thursday morning the ICCG in Gaza meets to discuss the prioritisation of Trucks from a list produced by the Logs Cluster of the Trucks at Al Arish and shared on a Wednesday. **Although not certain we think that for Shelter NFI partners we should generally always be able to have 4 trucks prioritized – this was agreed by the ICCG on the 29th August 2024.**
- 3) As of 30 August the **1st priority is tarps/sealing-off kits (SoKs) and 2nd priority tents.** These are the cluster's priority items for the fence road, for activities related to meeting the huge Shelter NFI needs of displaced people (or those who have returned and are sheltering in damaged or unfinished buildings). Towards the end of September this may change to other items essential for winter (including bedding and winter clothes).
- 4) We would therefore invite you if you have these items and are trying to get them into the south to contact coord2.palestine@sheltercluster.org and coord.gaza@sheltercluster.org (Iyad Abu Hamam), highlighting how many trucks (of Palestinian side size trucks, which are smaller than Egyptian) you have and approximate date of when you want to move them along the fence road. Note that you would need to confirm that you can get them to Al-Arish and onto the Logs Cluster list before they issue the list on the Wednesday preceeding the week you are most interested in. Note that you still need to undertake all COGAT approval processes etc. Please see the Logs Cluster presentation [here](#) or seek further guidance from the Logistics Cluster on the exact process.
- 5) Please note that even if Shelter NFI can confirm we want to prioritise the trucks, and every effort is made to avoid delays, there may still be delays, there is a lot of uncertainty outside of the Logs Clusters control, and every day the movement along the fence road is messed with in various ways.