

Gaza Crisis Response  
Logistic Cluster Meeting  
Jerusalem - Gaza



30 June 2009

**Action points:**

- Agencies and NGOs who need to use the UNRWA staging area beyond 15 July will inform the Log cluster support cell by 10 July.
- AST will share a report on increased restrictions at West bank crossings
- Draft Logistics Cluster sitrep to be shared every second Wednesday (starting 8<sup>th</sup> July) with meeting participants for any comments- advocacy points. Feedback by midday the following day (Thursday).
- New COGAT form for Gaza imports to be shared by log cluster support cell. It was agreed that it was important to monitor if and how often COGAT meets the requested timeline on the form.
- WFP/Log cluster to assess the capacity of Karem Shalom and report back.
- Next meeting 14 July at OCHA Jerusalem and WFP Gaza.

**1. Action points from the last meeting:**

- Discontinue contracts of Gaza logistics cluster common warehouses/staging areas after July 2009. WFP logistics will be provider of last resort if any additional space is needed by cluster members. **Contracts for common warehouses will end 31 July. As of 20 June there is zero stock in the common warehouses/ staging areas.**
- Gaza Logistics cluster to summarize the procedures utilized by agencies and organizations to communicate with the de-facto customs authorities in Gaza and report back this week to the Log cluster support cell who will circulate to HCT. **No progress was made on sharing procedures. HCT to decide on how to manage this issue on 2 July HCT meeting and to give further guidance and approval on the standardized format. Feedback to be shared by log cluster support cell.**
- All agencies shipping goods to share monitoring data with AST. AST will share their report to the log cluster support cell who will share with the log cluster members. **Reporting period ends this week for AST. The report will be shared in the next Log Cluster meeting.**

**2. Update from Gaza**

- The Log Cluster support cell transported 421 pallets to Gaza in June.
- USAID TFP reported that the PA is preparing a list of 15 currently prohibited -but urgently needed- items to be sent to the Quartet.
- Save the Children recreational kits will enter Gaza on 1 June after 3 months delay.
- No news on CARE radio equipment to Gaza.

**3. Log Cluster participants to agree on whether or not to extend the contract with UNRWA.**

- The LC uses UNRWA for storage, handling, loading, etc. The contract finishes on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. There was a vote on whether or not to extend this contract. It was noted that the agreement can be re-instated as short notice in the future. However AST mentioned that we can expect increasing difficulties exiting the West Bank to Israel due to the Crossing Points Administration taking over the West Bank cargo terminals. This will incur back to back procedures for commercial trucks therefore there may be a greater need in the future for UN support to NGOs to facilitate their movement thus need to retain the UNRWA hub.
- **AST will share the concerned information with the Log cluster meeting participants. There are currently no needs for the UNRWA facilities as the log cluster pipeline is empty. However it was decided that all log cluster participants will check and send any pipeline requests to WFP by 10<sup>th</sup> July so that WFP will know whether or not to retain the capacity (based on need).**

#### 4. Advocacy:

- It was agreed that the **procedure of using the advocacy sub committee for cluster advocacy issue would be followed and a member of the log cluster will continue to represent participant's priorities in the advocacy meetings.**
- Furthermore the **log cluster support cell will share the draft sitrep** (issued every second week) with meeting participants on Wednesdays prior to publication (starting 8<sup>th</sup> July) **in order that participants can add inputs for advocacy.** The deadline for comments will be the following day- 12 noon Thursdays (next deadline 12midday 9<sup>th</sup> July).

#### 5. Update on COGAT:

- A new form has been circulated for COGAT coordination. **It was agreed that it was important to monitor if and how often COGAT meets the requested timeline on the form.** Based on experience, for simple shipments 1 week is normal. For more complicated shipments 2 working weeks may be required.
- US State Dept and WFP continue to request written procedures from COGAT
- Mine clearance is awaiting a plan for use of the explosives in Gaza.
- There will be a COGAT meeting on Sunday with UN HoA and Uri Singer to discuss armored vehicles.
- US State dept requested whether or not Karem Shalom could have a transfer capacity of 200 trucks/day in its current state (including working hours) or if it requires work on the Palestinian side of the crossing. Gaza reported that last week the crossing managed 130 trucks/day in one day. OCHA has reported cement entering Gaza for expansion of the crossing. **WFP will conduct an assessment of the current capacity and capacity needs of the crossing and what work is currently being undertaken to improve to 200 trucks/day.**

#### 6. AOB:

- More microphones needed at OCHA Jerusalem so that Gaza can hear better!

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