1. Logistics Cluster Updates

**Logistics Services**

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to 1,000 m² of free-to-user common storage facilities in Homs governorate.
- For more information on how to use this service, please refer to the Standard Operating Procedures or contact Dima Salloum at: dima.salloum@wfp.org.
- Organisations wishing to use cluster services should have a service level agreement signed with WFP.

2. Operational Updates

**Dara’a**

- The Logistics Cluster is providing inter-agency coordination support and has availed free-to-user access to transportation options for the humanitarian emergency response for Dara’a.

**Rukban**

- As part of the inter-agency mission to Rukban, the Logistics Cluster will support ground-level logistics coordination support and as previously agreed, will coordinate the allocation of 30,000 litres of diesel for the fleet of vehicles and a generator.

**Fuel**
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- WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, is procuring over 100,000 litres of diesel to be stored in its depots in Tartous, Homs, and Rural Damascus.
- At the last inter-sector coordination meeting in Damascus, the Logistics Cluster raised the issue of the last-resort fuel provision service discussed with the Damascus-based INGOs in April 2021.
- As preparedness, OCHA and the DINGOs are to agree on a prioritisation system in the event of a serious fuel crisis.
- The Logistics Cluster will share an update by the next coordination meeting.

Diesel Prices
- On 11 July, the Government of Syria announced an increase in the price of subsidised diesel for transporters from SYP 200 to SYP 500.
- Only WFP reported an increase to transport prices (by approximately 5 percent) as a result of this.
- National Formal Market Average up to July 2021 stood at SYP 376 per Litre.
- National Informal Market Average up to July 2021 stood at SYP 2,086 per Litre. This represents a 29% increase over June 2021.
- For a full breakdown, please refer to the WFP Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) data here.

3. Gaps and Needs
- Apart from continued storage needs, Logistics Cluster partners in Homs expressed no other logistics services gaps in the governorate.
- Partners mentioned that sporadic fuel shortages can impact logistics operations, but for the time being no challenges are being faced.
- Partners voiced no specific needs with regards to logistics information and analysis to support with operational decision-making.
- Bureaucratic and administrative access impediments (BAI) persist, with delays to approvals impacting humanitarian operations. The Logistics Cluster to continue to advocate to OCHA.
- One organisation voiced the need to establish an INGO-led procurement working group. The Logistics Cluster to raise this at the next Damascus cluster coordination meeting and revert.

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