
Meeting Minutes, 13 September 2021

Syria Operation, Qamishli



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LOCATION	Homs
DATE	13 September 2021
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Aga Khan Foundation (AFK), Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and all the East (GOPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics Cluster to advocate to OCHA on bureaucratic access impediment.• Logistics Cluster to raise the topic of an INGO-led procurement working group with Damascus-based actors.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Logistics Cluster Updates2. Operational Updates3. Gaps and Needs

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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