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**CHAIR:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator

**PARTICIPANTS:** All Ukrainian Union of Evangelists Baptists (AUCECB), Caritas Ukraine, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), GOAL, Fourth Wave Society, International Medical Corps (IMC), People in Need (PIN), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC), World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Programme (WFP).

**ACTION POINTS:**

- Organisations to provide information on their pipeline for deliveries to Donetsk and Luhansk
- Organisations to provide information on storage requirements for Luhansk

**AGENDA:** 1. Access and Common Services Provision  
2. Coordination

#### 1. Access and Common Services Provision

- Participants were informed that the Logistics Cluster has resumed its transport services to Donetsk and to Luhansk. The service is now being provided to organisations which have received authorization from 'de facto' authorities to operate in non-government controlled areas (NGCAs).
- Since 30 September 2015, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of more than 800 mt of humanitarian cargo (shelter and construction materials) to NGCAs. More than 450 mt of relief items were destined to Luhansk. Overall, the Logistics Cluster managed to deliver 1,500 mt of humanitarian cargo to NGCAs since its activation.
- Following organisations' request, the Logistics Cluster clarified that it is the responsibility of consignees to arrange the distribution of the humanitarian cargo delivered.
- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that the simplified procedures as per the amended 'Temporary Order on Control of the Movement of People, Transport Vehicles and Cargo along the Contact Line in Donetsk and Luhansk Regions' has not yet been fully implemented. However, organisations requesting Logistics Cluster transport services have to provide information on price of their goods per unit (item or kit) before the departure of cargo. The requested information is needed for submission to inspection authorities when accessing NGCAs with humanitarian cargo. No specific format is required to provide this information.
- Organisations were also reminded that for each service request, a Service Request Form is to be provided to the Logistics Cluster by email at [Ukraine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org](mailto:Ukraine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org). If organisations are not in the list for simplified procedures, the Logistics Cluster will arrange necessary documents for obtaining the authorization of the Ministry of Social Policy (MoSP) for humanitarian cargo. Additional documents may be required by the Logistics Cluster from requesting organization if necessary regardless whether organization is in the list for simplified procedures or not.
- The Logistics Cluster explained that obtaining the MoSP permission for humanitarian cargo takes approximately one week. After the submission of application documents to the MoSP, an inter-ministerial commission discuss all applications and provide its advice on the decision. The Order is later signed by the Minister of Social Policy

and published on the MoSP web-site. There is no expiry date on the Order therefore organisations may apply in advance to avoid risks with delays.

- Organisations were requested to obtain an authorization from 'de-facto' authorities of NGCAs prior or at the time when the transport service is requested.
- Organisations were requested to provide information on their pipeline for deliveries to Donetsk and Luhansk. Information required: mt or cubic meters, type of cargo, points and dates of delivery. The information is required for the planning of transportation.
- The Logistics Cluster updated that the main access points to deliver humanitarian cargo to NGCAs are via Buhas and Zaytseve. The Logistics Cluster had the opportunity to use both access routes. There is also information that the Kurakhove check-point has been opened recently, however it is now used for community traffic only.
- Participants were also updated that there is still no direct access to Luhansk from GCA. The information that the access route for Zolote would be open soon was not confirmed. At the moment, no movements of trucks is possible through that access. The only access to Luhansk remains the transit through Donetsk area.
- The Logistics Cluster informed that Dnipropetrovsk and Donetsk warehouses are continued to be operational. Due to the increased volume of deliveries to Donetsk, the Donetsk warehouse has accepted more than 850 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo during the past weeks.
- Organisations were requested to provide their storage needs for Luhansk, as soon as possible. The email has been circulated to all participants on this regard with the attached form.

## 2. Coordination

- The Logistics Cluster informed participants that positive contacts with the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine have been established with the support of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), to clarify all procedures for crossing into NGCAs with humanitarian cargo.
- Organisations were updated on the process of planning for 2016.

*The next Logistics Cluster meeting is scheduled for 26 November 2015.*

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