

LOCATION: Ukraine**DATE: 27 May 2015**

Situation Overview

- The Kurakhove checkpoint was closed on several occasions in mid-May (9-12 May). Despite a ceasefire, ongoing conflict was also reported close to Mariupol, Donetsk and Luhansk City.
- The first cargo to Luhansk City was transported by the Logistics Cluster on 21 May.

Coordination

- From 28 April to 27 May three coordination meetings were held in Kyiv, one of which was dedicated to discuss contingency plans', and two meetings were held in Donetsk.
- The Logistics Cluster participated in a Contingency plan preparation workshop held on 13 and 15 May. A contingency plan for Ukraine was prepared by the Logistics Cluster in coordination with partners. This document will become part of a general contingency plan for the humanitarian community in Ukraine, which will be consolidated and finalised by OCHA. The Cluster Concept of Operations has been adjusted in line with the contingency planning.

Access

- Following consultations with the Ministry of Social Policy (MoSP), the Logistics Cluster shared with partners an updated list of documents required to obtain cargo transport permits. Once the application is approved, the Ministry will publish the list of approved cargo on its website. The list includes:
 - Application Letter (for the cargo to be recognised as humanitarian);
 - Donation Letter (from the donor to the recipient);
 - Notification Letter from the Recipient (in which the recipient agrees to receive a donation);
 - Packing List and a Distribution Plan (including information about the final beneficiary organisations, e.g. hospitals, NGOs, etc.).
- The MoSP requires that the recipient of humanitarian cargo must be an organisation registered and listed in the MoSP's Unified Registry (*Єдиний реєстр отримувачів гуманітарної допомоги*). The list of humanitarian cargo recipients can be found on the MoSP website (Ukrainian only) at: http://www.mlsp.gov.ua/labour/control/uk/publish/category?cat_id=147818. To be included in the Registry, an application with supporting documents must be submitted to the MoSP.
- For transport to Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCAs) the Logistics Cluster provides notification prior to cargo arrival to the relevant authorities, with agreed procedures currently being finalised.
- Only one 'humanitarian corridor' through Kurakhove remains open for entering into the NGCAs. Logistics Cluster vehicles are not required to join the queue of other vehicles. They can use a 'humanitarian lane' where checkpoint staff allows Logistic Cluster trucks to pass freely after inspection and paperwork.

Road Transport Services

- From 28 April to 27 May, 157 mt of humanitarian cargo were transported by the Logistics Cluster into NGCAs (Donetsk and Luhansk). Since its activation in February 2015, the Logistics Cluster has transported 160 mt of relief items into NGCAs. Such items include hygiene kits, medical equipment, constructing materials, clothes, kitchen sets, etc. Transport services were provided to Alliance International Ukraine, UNHCR and UNICEF.
- The first humanitarian cargo to Luhansk, carrying UNHCR relief items, was facilitated by the Logistics Cluster on 21 May.
- Escorts continue to be provided by Logistics Cluster representatives at the checkpoint in order to facilitate cargo entrance into NGCAs. More visibility will be placed on trucks to indicate they are transporting humanitarian cargo.

Storage

- Partners were informed that cargo classified as dangerous goods cannot be stored at Logistics Cluster warehouses.
- No warehouse has been established in Luhansk due to the limited number of requests. However, the Logistics Cluster will continue identifying a fully operational commercial warehouse with appropriate security and handling services for common use of the humanitarian community.

Information Management/GIS

- The Concept of Operations was updated on 21 May. The main changes relate to coordination processes, facilitation of paperwork for permits and transport services. No changes have been made in relation to territorial operations, therefore the Concept of Operations map remains the same.
- A Snapshot on Service Request Form (SRF) was posted on the website. Ukrainian and a Russian translations of the Snapshot are also available on the Logistics Cluster website at: <http://logcluster.org/ops/ukr15a>.

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