

GAZA CRISIS CONSOLIDATED SITREP

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1. HIGHLIGHT

- The Logistics Cluster Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been drafted and shared with the cluster members in the field for feed back.

2. BORDER CROSSING:

- Kerem Shalom*: open
 - Nahol Oz (for fuel)*: open
 - Karni*: open
 - Erez*: open for medical evacuation
 - El Aouga (Egypt): open for commercial cargo
- (*Source; JHCC)

3. LOGISTICS COORDINATION:

- Two members of the Logistics Cluster are booked to participate in the inter agency Rapid Need Assessment that will take place in Gaza in the coming days.
- The Logistics cluster is also checking with other agencies and relief actors for their need in terms of base camp for humanitarian staff accommodation inside Gaza
- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the crossing of cargo through the Kerem Shalom border. Starting Wednesday 21st January, the cluster will be ready to move cargo for all actors from West Bank hub, Jerusalem hub, Ashkelon hub and Nitzana into Gaza.
- The Logistics Cluster has identified two warehouses in Gaza: one of 1200 sqm in Gaza City and one of 400 sqm in Rafah.
- The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Gaza Logistics Cluster has been drafted and shared with the field based cluster members for feedback. Cluster members comments have been incorporated on the SOPs soon available on the web page. www.logcluster.org/gaza09a
- On 18 January, an informal Logistics Cluster meeting in El Arish was carried out with participants from the Norwegian Red Cross, NORWAC, OCHA, UNRWA, WHO, the Palestinian Red Crescent and WFP. It was clearly stated that the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) would ensure that prioritized cargo was indeed taken through the various border crossing points.
- The ERC would also assist organizations in the coordination of transport if required. The Logistics Cluster is supporting the ERC by working on the palletization standards from the staging areas in the El-Arish Airport and Stadium.

4. CIVIL/MILITARY COORDINATION:

- The Secretary General Special envoy attended the JHCC meeting this morning and announced that a recovery assessment team would be launched in Gaza later this week.
- During the JHCC, IDF informed that any requests for assistance to disarm Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) would be granted depending on the location of the UXO (assistance will not be provided for locations out of the IDF areas)