

Situational Update (Reporting Period: 14-18 February 2023)

Key situational status: Close to 44,000 deaths, and 123,000 injuries have been recorded in Syria and Türkiye as a result of the earthquakes that struck both countries. 9.1 million people are considered to be directly affected in Türkiye and 8.8 million in Syria.

1. Türkiye

A team of five Logistics Surge Team staff members (three logistics officers and two information management officers) is currently based in Gaziantep in support of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) mission. The focus is to provide coordination and information management support to the humanitarian community in Türkiye and North West Syria.

General updates

- The [Türkiye Flash Appeal](#) was published for a total of \$1 bn and a duration of 3 months. The budget set aside for logistics and emergency telecommunications sector is \$3 million. The government counterparts for the sector are the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, AFAD, the Presidency of Communication and the Presidency of Migration Management. The logistics support will focus on coordination and support to relief activities into Türkiye, information-sharing and facilitating access to temporary storage facilities and equipment if required.

Coordination

- The last Logistics Response Meeting as part of the Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response Operation took place on 17 February 2023. Main discussion points refer to consignments of humanitarian cargo to AFAD, customs procedures, transshipment procedures at newly opened entry points, and medical logistics. The Logistics Response Meetings in Gaziantep take three times a week to support field response operations
- The Logistics Response Team continues its cargo pipeline needs assessment to possibly support with common storage logistics services for facilitation of an uninterrupted supply of assistance.
- The Logistics Response Team is coordinating with United Nations Monitoring Mechanism (UNMM) for the issuance of logistics procedures for the crossing at the newly opened Bab al-Salam and Al Ra'ee border points.

Information Management

- All meeting minutes of the Turkey Syria Earthquake response meetings can be found [here](#).
- Partners are requested to continue sharing road access constraints to provide a more accurate overview of road infrastructure in Türkiye on [LogIE](#).
- Partners are requested to continue share upstream pipeline information in order to help understanding the possible logistics needs

- The [Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response WHO Guidance Good distribution practices for pharmaceutical products](#) and the [Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response WHO Guide to good storage practices for pharmaceuticals \(Annex 5 & 9\)](#) resources were shared by WHO and published online.
- The [“Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response – Turkish Red Crescent Border Relief Standard Operational Manual”](#) was shared with partners.
- Webinars on OCHA’s “Humanitarian Notification System” were delivered on 14 and 16 February 2023 in English and Arabic. New sessions can be scheduled upon request.

2. Syria

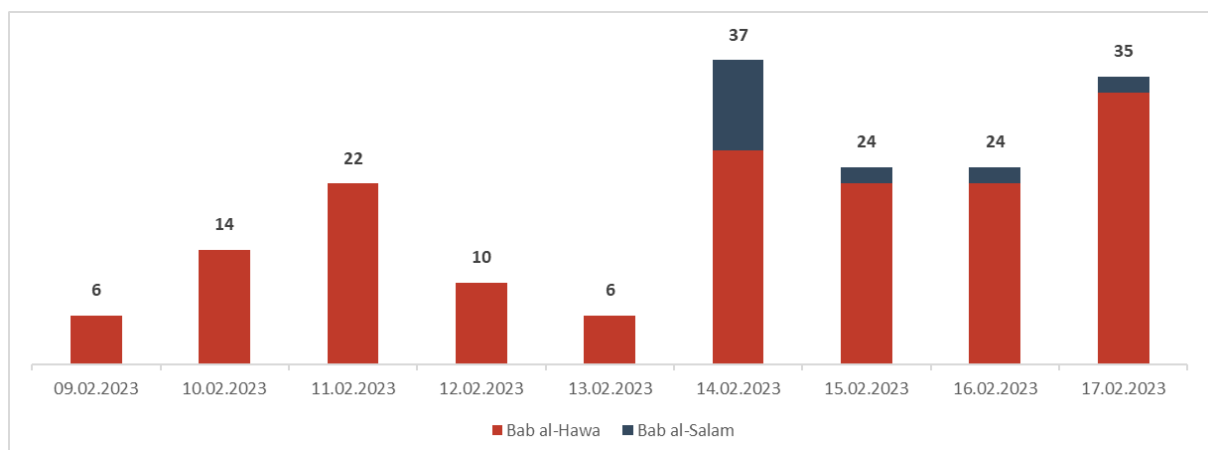
The WFP-led Syria Logistics Cluster is active since January 2013. In September 2014, the Whole of Syria (WoS) approach was adopted as a result of UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2165, bringing together separate regional operations into a single framework. On 12 July 2022, the Security Council approved UNSCR 2642, which authorised the use of Bab al-Hawa border crossing to send United Nations humanitarian assistance to North West Syria until 10 January 2023. On 9 January 2023, the decision to confirm the extension of that authorization for an additional six months was communicated under UNSCR 2672.

General updates

- The Government of Syria decided that all humanitarian supplies from inside Syria and those coming from outside should be consolidated in the warehouses of the sub-national relief committees that will oversee distribution, under the overall supervision of the Higher Relief Committee (HRC). Consolidation of cargo in warehouses of the sub-national relief committees does not affect NGOs and UN agencies.

Facilitation and coordination of Logistics Services:

- Since 9 February 2023, 178 trucks from five United Nations agencies (UNICEF, UNHCR, IOM, WFP, UNFPA) were processed in Bab al-Hawa, Bab al-Salam and Al Ra’ee.
- As of 17 February 2023, upscaling of Syria Logistics Cluster support staff has been undertaken at the Reyhanli transshipment hub and Bab al-Salam and Al Ra’ee border crossing points.



Coordination

- The Syria Logistics Cluster coordination meeting took place on 16 February 2023. Main points of discussion referred to the need for road access constraints mapping and warehouse mapping in North West Syria, the status of the flash appeal, importation of medical supplies, and simplified import procedures from Lebanon and Jordan to Syria.
- The Syria Logistics Cluster coordinates the transshipment hub in Bab al-Hawa and tracks all transshipments of humanitarian cargo in close coordination with UNMM. Logistics procedures will be shared with partners as soon as approved by OCHA.

Information Management

- Partners have been requested to share road access constraints with Syria Logistics Cluster to provide a more accurate overview of damaged road infrastructure in Syria on [LogIE](#).
- Partners are requested to share storage capacity in NWS.
- The [Syria Logistics Cluster Coordination Meeting minutes from 13 February 2023](#) were shared with partners.
- At the moment, documents related to the Syria response are being uploaded on both the [Syria Logistics Cluster](#) webpage and the [Türkiye/Syria Earthquake Response Operation](#) websites.

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