**Designated Global Cluster Lead**

The Logistics Cluster has worked to improve the effectiveness of humanitarian response to emergencies, through strengthened accountability and partnership. There are currently 11 Clusters, and WFP has been designated the lead agency for the Logistics Cluster, making it responsible for coordinating logistics support for the humanitarian community in response to sudden onset and complex emergencies. Since its inception, the Logistics Cluster has supported the humanitarian community’s response to more than 40 emergencies, most recently in the Sahel, the Horn of Africa, Pakistan, Libya, Côte d’Ivoire and Haiti.

**Main Partners at the Global Level**

Action Against Hunger (ACF), Agility Logistics, Care Canada, Concern, Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW), German Agro Action (Welthungerhilfe), Handicap International (HI), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Islamic Relief (IR), Maersk, Oxfam, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), TNT Express, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), UPS, World Health Organization (WHO), World Vision International (WVI)

**Support and tools provided by the Global Logistics Cluster to the field**

The Logistics Cluster provides predictable leadership, promotes partnerships between humanitarian actors and, where necessary, becomes the ‘provider of last resort’ in emergencies. In the field the Logistics Cluster provides logistics coordination for all humanitarian actors responding to an emergency, information management services, and where necessary coordinates or provides common logistics services for use by the humanitarian community. At the global level, the activities of the Logistics Cluster are coordinated and supported by the Global Logistics Cluster Support Cell (GLCSC) based in WFP HQ, Rome. The GLCSC supports field operations, engages in preparedness activities, conducts trainings, and constantly works to further develop useful tools and initiatives to improve the performance of the Logistics Cluster.

**Priorities and Activities**

**Services**

**Logistics Coordination** - The Logistics Cluster facilitates information exchange and provides a forum to promote collaboration in emergencies with small and large NGOs, UN agencies, and government actors. Through providing crucial information to all organisations participating in an emergency response, and by promoting partnership the Logistics Cluster provides critical support to relief operations. **Information Management Services** - During emergencies the Logistics Cluster acts as a focal point for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of logistics related data, via a public website, through standardized documents including: situation reports, logistics bulletins, meeting minutes, snapshots, updates on relevant customs procedures, maps of infrastructure and other specific reports as required to the entire Humanitarian Community. **Logistics Common Service** - The Logistics Cluster coordinates or provides logistics services where gaps in capacity exist; facilitating the transportation and/or storage of relief supplies (usually Non-Food Items). In North Africa, the Logistics Cluster supported more than 50 different organizations by providing and coordinating: overland transport from Egypt and Tunisia into and within Libya; storage space in Tunisia, Libya, and Malta; and marine transport for cargo and passengers between Benghazi, Misrata, Tripoli, and Malta.
### Trainings

**Logistics Response Team (LRT) training** - In total more than 200 Logisticians from 32 Humanitarian Organizations have been trained in the Logistics Cluster’s emergency response methodology, and 131 Senior Logisticians have participated as facilitators.  
**Stand-by Partner (SBP) training** - SBP Trainings have included participants from RedR, Danish Refugee Council, Canadem, Irish Aid, MSB, NRC, SDC, THW, Carteomg, FCI, ICR, and Ericsson.  
**Logistics Emergency Teams (LET) trainings** - 3 trainings over the last year have been conducted for participants from corporate partners including UPS, Agility, TNT and Maersk.

### Preparedness Activities

**Logistics Capacity Assessments (LCAs)** - GLCSC logisticians have spent 45 days deployed to the field over the last year conducting formal evaluations to document critical elements of the logistics situation in countries located in vulnerable regions. This information covers port and airport capacities, road and rail networks, storage facilities, customs and handling procedures, labour rates and local transportation resources.  
**Humanitarian Staging Areas** - The Logistics Cluster is currently working to identify, assess, and map out strategic locations throughout the world that can be used as Humanitarian Staging Areas (HSAs). HSAs are pre-identified logistics facilities, located within airports, ports or other suitable locations and capable to be activated, augmented and made operational at the onset of an emergency.

### Tools

**Logistics Cluster Website** - is the primary mechanism for the Logistics Cluster to communicate with the broader humanitarian community and the general public. It is a central repository for information concerning current Logistics Cluster operations and is regularly updated with new information provided by Country Level Logistics Clusters operating in response to particular emergencies.  
**Logistics Operational Guide (LOG)** - The LOG is a consolidated source of information, made up of logistics guidelines drawn from within the humanitarian community. Developed in coordination with representatives from 14 humanitarian, academic, and private sector institutions, the LOG aims at providing cross-cutting information, standardised definitions, guidelines, general operational tools and templates.

### Benefitting from Partnerships

The Logistics Cluster relies on partnerships to improve the delivery of relief items to communities affected by disasters and complex emergencies. The Cluster approach provides a unique opportunity for the humanitarian logistics community to benefit from the shared assets, aptitudes and competencies of participating organisations.