

Logistics Cluster TOR

Objective

The Country-Level Logistics Cluster (Field Cluster) strives to build up **inter-agency interoperability** and collaboration to enhance predictability, timeliness and efficiency of the logistics response to meet beneficiaries' needs.

The Field Cluster **identifies and addresses logistics gaps, bottlenecks and duplication** in humanitarian operations and ensures that they are appropriately addressed.

Role of the Lead Agency and Cluster Participants

As the Lead Agency WFP is accountable for the performance of the Logistics Cluster and reports to the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC). In the exceptional circumstance that the Logistics Cluster identifies logistics capacity gaps that cannot be addressed by Cluster Participants, WFP as **provider of last resort** is responsible to address such gaps: Where there are critical gaps in the response plan, the Cluster Lead, will do its utmost to ensure that these are addressed, calling on relevant humanitarian partners. If this fails, then depending on the urgency and priority that the cluster gives to addressing this gap, the Cluster Lead may need to commit itself to filling the gap.

The Country-Level Logistics Cluster activation does not automatically translate into setting up a "logistics cluster unit/support cell".

The **Cluster Participants** meet on a regular basis to share information and set priority activities of the cluster.

Reporting Lines - in separate document

Organizational Chart - in separate document

Activities

Activities may be carried out by dedicated staff of the Field Support Cell or the Cluster Participants.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster formalises existing logistics coordination mechanisms among humanitarian actors, and local and national authorities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster strengthens partnerships between UN agencies, the Red Cross Movement, International Organizations, national and international NGOs, donors and national authorities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster provides a platform for exchanging information and making decisions to improve strategic coordination and prioritization.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster collects, analyzes and disseminates logistics information within the Cluster, across other clusters and to stakeholders.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster gathers and shares logistics capacity information/assessments amongst Cluster Participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster develops and maintains common logistics operational plans together with the humanitarian actors and other clusters to ensure most efficient logistics operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster identifies and addresses gaps, bottlenecks or duplications in the over-all logistics operations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster provides operational advice, best practices and troubleshooting assistance to Cluster Participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster negotiates facilitation measures (i.e. customs procedures) with local authorities and/or government counterparts on behalf of the Field Cluster if requested
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster communicates/liaises for logistics needs with OCHA CMCoord for MCDA/MCDU and ensures that available military assets are included into a common pool and efficiently used for humanitarian operations

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster coordinates humanitarian air operations and ensures airport decongestion, cargo prioritization and optimizes the use of pooled air assets.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster represents the Logistics Cluster in other cluster meetings and high-level events and provides logistics input and support.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster may request the Lead Agency to become provider of last resort to ensure adequate response
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster may identify and mobilize resources (i.e. financial, HR, assets) for services provided by the Cluster or other Cluster Participants
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster ensures adequate logistics preparedness through capacity building and contingency planning.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster defines its priorities, workplan, specific terms of reference, duration and exit strategy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Field Cluster monitors and evaluates its performance against the workplan/identified benchmarks.