

Highlights

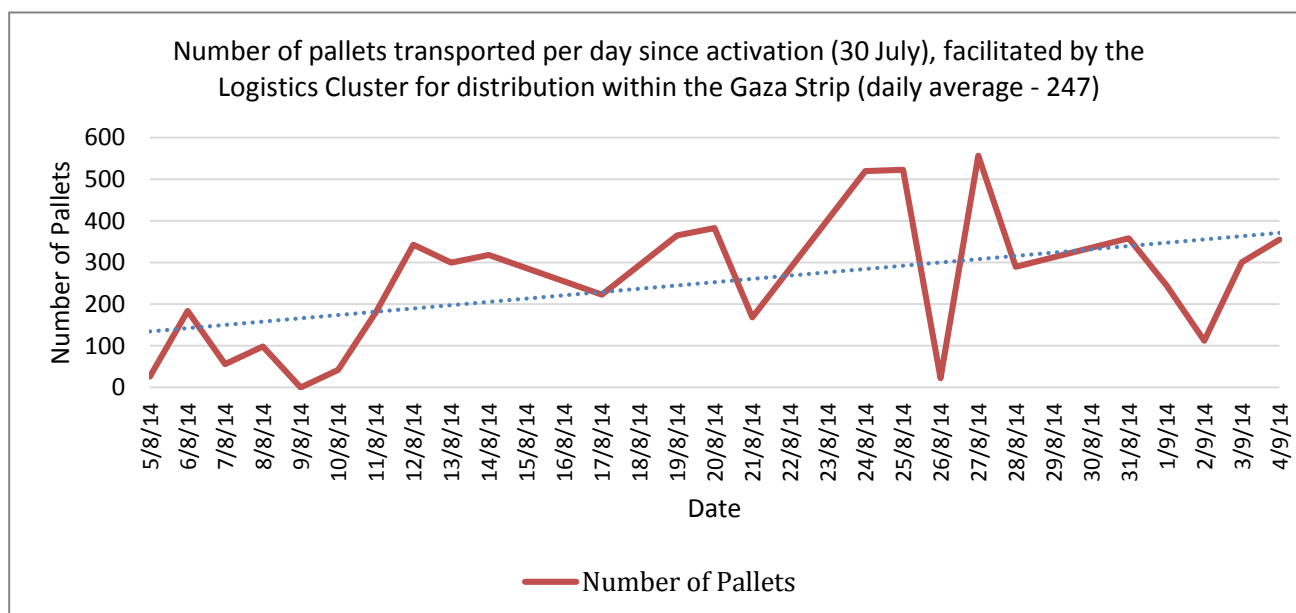
- From 28 August – 4 September, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of 1,687 pallets of Food, WASH and Shelter supplies, via 63 trucks on behalf of 16 partners from the humanitarian community.
- During the reporting period 28 August – 04 September, the Logistics Cluster has received 21 requests for facilitating the transportation of humanitarian relief items including bottled water, hygiene kits and emergency school Non-Food Items (NFIs). 16 requests have been completed and the remaining five are being prepared for transportation in the coming days.
- Due to the closure of Kerem Shalom crossing from Israel to the Gaza Strip from 10.40am on the 26 August, 10 trucks with 250 pallets of humanitarian relief items coordinated and transported by the Logistics Cluster were unable to cross. One truck containing 22 pallets of bread was permitted to cross via Erez crossing usually restricted to pedestrians and small vehicles to avoid deterioration of the perishable cargo and the other 9 trucks crossed Kerem Shalom the following day.

Transport Services

Since activation on 30 July, the Logistics Cluster has:

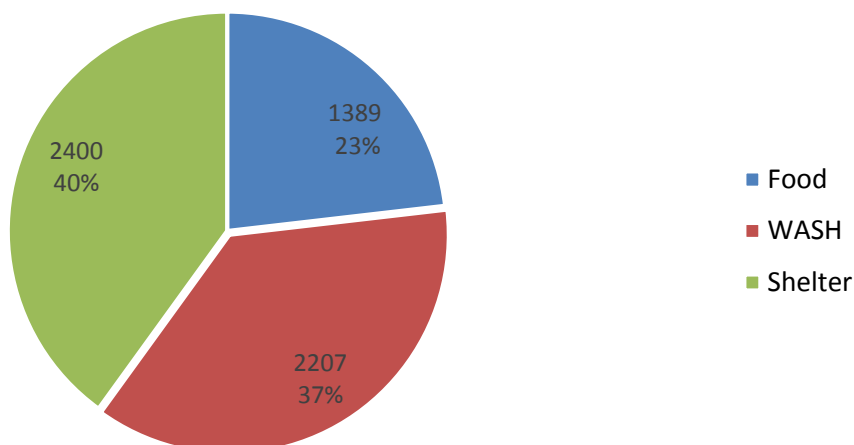
- Facilitated the transportation of 5,996 pallets of humanitarian relief supplies via 225 trucks on behalf of humanitarian organisations for distribution within the Gaza Strip.
- Supported 37 humanitarian organisations including Hebron Food Trade Association, Global Communities and UNICEF.
- Facilitated the transportation of over 3,300 out of a total of 5,996 pallets of private donations from local organisations and civil society groups for distribution within the Gaza Strip.

Total from 28 August – 04 September	
Trucks crossed into the Gaza Strip	63
Pallets delivered within the Gaza Strip	1687
Number Organizations Supported	16

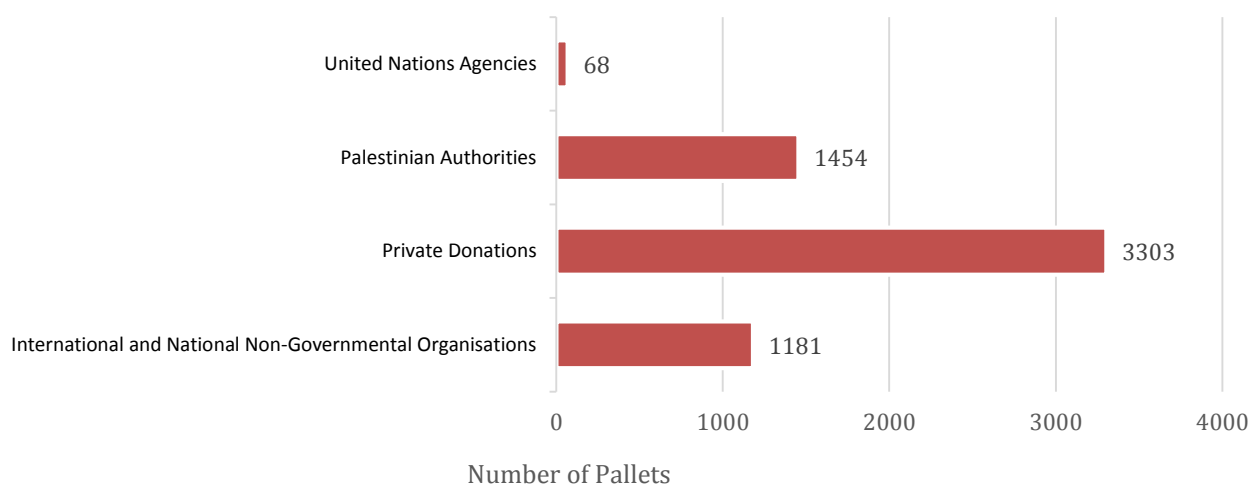


*The Kerem Shalom crossing from Israel into the Gaza Strip is closed on Fridays and Saturdays

Total Number of Pallets Transported by Item Sector type since activation of the Logistics Cluster (30 July)



Total Number of Pallets transported on behalf of organisation type since activation of the Logistics Cluster



Common Storage

- Five staging areas for cargo consolidation, palletisation and loading prior to transportation have been made available by the Logistics Cluster for use by the humanitarian community. The staging areas are located in Jerusalem, Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus and Ashqelon.
- Three dedicated warehouses have been secured by the Logistics Cluster for use as common storage for the humanitarian community inside the Gaza Strip. The warehouses are located in Middle Area/Gaza City (800 m² capacity), Khan Younis (600 m² Capacity) and Rafah (450 m² Capacity) where an additional refrigerated warehouse (40 m² capacity) is available.
- The Logistics Cluster warehouse located in Middle Area/Gaza City was used by WFP for the storage of 25,000 food parcels, 300 mt of wheat flour and 111 mt of vegetable oil prior to distribution last week.

Coordination/Information Management/GIS

Since activation on 30 July, the Logistics Cluster has:

- Held six weekly Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings with partners attending in Jerusalem and linked via live video to the Logistics Cluster Meeting in Gaza City. The next Coordination Meeting will be held in Ramallah on the 09 September.
- Shared 37 information products including meeting minutes, daily and weekly Situation Updates, Service Request Guidance and Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations (ConOps) via the dedicated Logistics Cluster mailing list and Gaza Operations page on the Logistics Cluster website: <http://logcluster.org/ops/gaza14a>
- Provided GIS mapping support, including publication of ConOps, Access Constraints maps and maps upon request for the humanitarian community.
- Coordination with relevant authorities to facilitate the movement of humanitarian relief from the West Bank and Israel to the Gaza Strip.
- Consolidation of information on crossing points and liaising with relevant authorities to ease bottlenecks and investigate possible solutions to delays.

Other Logistics Gaps or Bottlenecks

- The Logistics Cluster is requesting a list of sector cargo priorities for the Gaza humanitarian response in the case that not all cargo requests can be delivered in a timely manner due to the security crossing process.
- Cargo transported via Betunia crossing from the West Bank into Israel is currently experiencing delays. Delays due to limited capacity, security equipment, variable cargo prioritisation procedures and limited opening hours cause increased costs and lead time for redirecting trucks, fees for arrival at Kerem Shalom after 13h30 to cross in the Gaza Strip, or spoilage of perishable cargo. Please see the table below for further information.
- Cargo transported via Tarqumia crossing from the West Bank into Israel is experiencing delays in cargo processing due to the increasing number of trucks diverted from Betunia and complex security procedures.

Betunia Crossing Point Report (Since Logistics Cluster Activation - 30 July 2014)

	Logistics Cluster	WFP
Number of Trucks loaded in Ramallah*	56	80
Number of Trucks Crossed Betunia	20 10 Trucks delayed**	3 Trucks delayed**
Trucks diverted to alternative crossings	26	77
Consequences of costs in USD	+/- UDS\$10,000	+/- UDS\$20,000
Consequences of costs in time lost	201hrs	129.5hrs

* The crossing is the most cost and time effective for trucks loaded in Ramallah for transporting items to the Gaza Strip.

**Delayed trucks arrive at Kerem Shalom after 13h30 and therefore have to pay a fee of 1,500NIS (approx. USD\$419) per truck and wait until 07h00 the following day in order to cross into the Gaza Strip.

Total number of Trucks Crossed Kerem Shalom from 28 August – 04 September*	
Private Sector	1002
Logistics Cluster	63
WFP	19
UNRWA	180

*Please note, the data provided has been collected from various sources and may be subject to inaccuracy

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