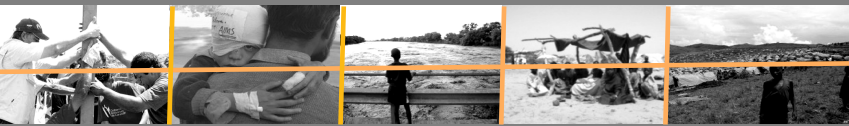


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- A tool created by and for humanitarian organisations

Today, most humanitarian organisations operate with organisational specific and diverse operational procedures and processes. In an effort to further strengthen effective cooperation, coordination and efficient delivery of services, the Global Logistics Cluster Support Cell, in collaboration with representatives of a wide range of humanitarian organisations and supported by WFP, has developed the Logistics Operational Guide.

The objective of the LOG is to contribute to improving the capacity of organisations to cooperate in the area of logistics and achieve a more seamless supply chain in order to reach beneficiaries faster.

Developed through an Inter-agency approach

The content of the LOG is based on information from manuals from over 28 humanitarian organisations, academia and the private sector.

A continuous process of consultation, discussion and feedback facilitated the identification of best practices and experiences from experts in the humanitarian logistics field. Over 40 representatives from 14 different organisations were intensely involved in defining the scope of the tool, advising on main topics and validating concrete content. The LOG is, and will remain, a joint platform for information.

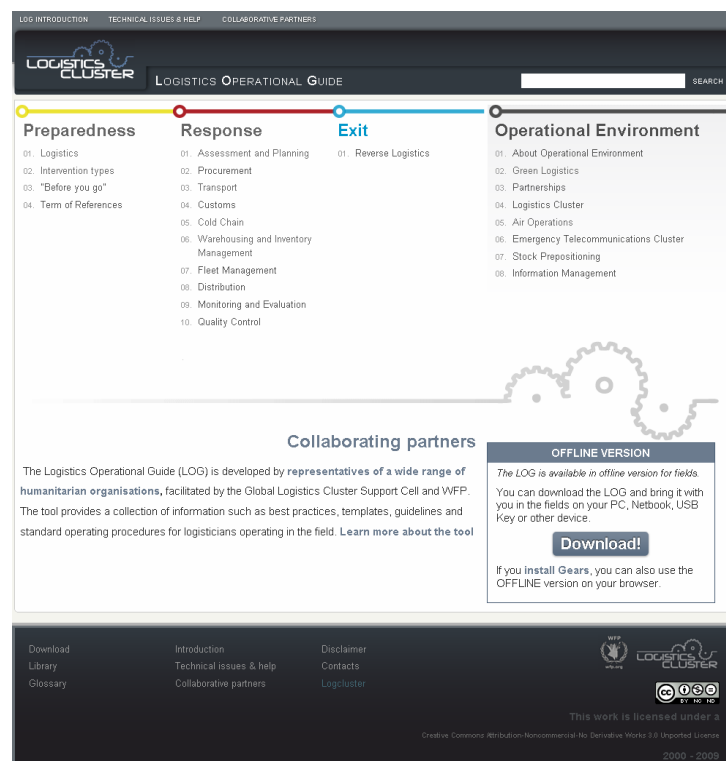
The LOG, a dynamic tool

The version that is now being launched is the first inception; based on feedback, new insights, evolving best practices and developments, it will be continuously updated.

We invite you to support further development of the LOG and make it as comprehensive and valuable as possible. Please share suggestions and feedback via: global.logisticscluster@wfp.org

A single source of best practices

The LOG has been developed using existing material within the humanitarian community. To support cooperation between organisations, it aims at providing cross-cutting information, standardised definitions, guidelines, general operational tools and templates. It is developed to be of use for all humanitarian logisticians, regardless of the size of their organisation or its area of specialisation.



Support tool to humanitarian logisticians

The LOG is intended for all humanitarian logisticians deployed to emergency or ongoing operations. It is also developed for those responsible for optimizing their own supply chain, are using common services, or are directly or indirectly involved in the provision, coordination and/or facilitation of common services.

Imagine the scenario, where...

A humanitarian logistician is deployed in response to a disaster. The LOG provides that logistician with a check list to help prepare for deployment, as well as providing “ready to use” comprehensive tools, templates and information on what to do upon arrival. For example:

- Personal preparation for the assignment (before you go)
- Plan for the response (Planning cycle)
- Procurement tools (templates and forms)

The LOG - developed for use in the field

Recognising potential obstacles in the field of limited internet access, the engine behind the LOG allows the user to access the tool in an offline or online mode. The user can download the LOG onto a computer, USB or other storage device at which point all information in the offline version can be searched and browsed in the same manner as it would in the online version. It is designed for full mobility for field work, allowing all users seamless and continuous access to the reference tools and templates.

How to get the tool?

The LOG is available for free download on the Global Logistics Cluster website: www.logcluster.org/tools/log

Please be invited to share thoughts, tips or any other feedback with the Global Logistics Cluster Support Cell via : global.logisticscluster@wfp.org.

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