

Call for participants to workshop

Lean humanitarian supply chain and logistics to ensure resilient and efficient food distribution in humanitarian disasters and emergencies

10 - 13 September 2017, Hilton Dalaman, Dalaman, Turkey

Context and Background

Turkey currently hosts more than 2.5 million Syrian refugees. The displacement of vulnerable people has resulted in a situation underpinned by shortages of quantity, quality and diversity of food products. Aid efforts are also severely impacted by the complexity of coordination and cooperation across stakeholders involved in food supply and distribution systems. As such there is a dire need to find new methods and solutions to improve effectiveness and efficiencies in providing resilient and efficient food distribution in such contexts.

This workshop seeks to address the food supply challenges faced by Turkey in terms of providing a vulnerable and growing refugee population with humanitarian aid. By bringing together both experienced and early career researchers over a four day workshop, the organisers aim to meet the following objectives:

- To explore the nexus of humanitarian logistics and food supply chains in the context of vulnerable and displaced peoples
- To identify the benefits and risks of adopting lean practices to mitigate humanitarian / food supply chain challenges (and in the context of vulnerability assessment)
- To explore the dynamics of multi-agency stakeholders across the civil-military partnership boundary
- To identify a practical toolkit to address gaps in the humanitarian / food supply chain and identify more effective ways to identify bottlenecks
- To allow Turkey to be more resilient in handling sudden shifts in food-related complex emergencies and any resulting spikes in demand;
- To highlight future research opportunities in the area.

Participants will explore these and related issues via the use of cause-effect models to identify linkages in the food aid chain as well as identifying collaboration paths, management of multiagency stakeholders and logistical support and delivery mechanisms. This will

