
Meeting Minutes, 19 August 2021

Sudan, Khartoum



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CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), Concern Worldwide (CW), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), Médecins Sans Frontières Suisse (MSF CH); Mercy Corps, Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), Solidarités International (SI) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), Veterinaires sans Frontières Germany (VSFG), World Bank (WB), World Food Programme (WFP).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners facing issues in registering or accessing WFP service market place to contact Sara Abualgassim (sara.abualgassim@wfp.org).• Organisations who want information reflected in the map can contact Amna Abdein (amna.abdein@wfp.org).• Organisations experiencing issues with storage space, or have available space in the MSUs to contact Pamela Onyango (pamela.onyango@wfp.org).
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Logistics Needs, Gaps and Challenges2. Sudan Emergency Response Preparedness (OCHA)3. Updates from UNHAS4. WFP Service Market Place and Fuel Requests5. AOB

• Logistics Needs, Gaps and Challenges

- During the rainy season the roads in West and Central Darfur are expected to be affected.
- At present most of the roads remain accessible.

• Sudan Emergency Response Preparedness (OCHA)

- Rainfall forecast August – October 2021: heavy rains are expected in most areas of the country. Floods are expected to happen in Sudan due to the heavy rains.
- In August, Sudan will receive above normal rainfall in most part of the country.
- From 17 to 24 of August heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected in eastern Sudan.
- Moderate rainfall is expected in the southern part of Sudan.
- The heavy rains in northern Uganda, South Sudan and Ethiopia could cause riverine flooding in Sudan. The region is being constantly monitored.
- The water level of the Nile river is above the flooding risk level.
- Flooding is happening in 12 states of Sudan. So far, only in Khartoum 4,000 people have been affected by the floods.
- 55,760 people are affected by the floods in the whole country. 3,650 houses have been destroyed and 7,500 are damaged. The only states that are not experiencing any floods at the moment are south and north Kordofan.
- OCHA is planning to reach over 540,000 affected people.
- The challenges at the moment are lack of stocks for many clusters, and lack of funds. There is a limited logistics capacity from both the government and the humanitarian partners to preposition and stock relief items.

3. Updates from UNHAS

- UNHAS is currently working with OCHA in Sratoni, in northern Darfur, to support organisations working there.
- Last week UNHAS facilitated a flight in a Al Fao where heavy floodings took place.

4. WFP Service Market Place and Fuel Requests

- The Service Market place has been operational since April.
- Agencies, focal points and new staff have been trained.

- All services must be requested through the Service Market place platform.
- For transportation and storage, Service Request Forms (SRFs) must be submitted by organisations.
- Accurate SRFs are crucial to provide support to partners and ensure a smooth functioning of operations. To submit SRFs partners are to write to sudan.rita@wfp.org.
- All current valid SLAs have been uploaded on the platform.
- Going forward, organisations will have to sign one SLAs to cover for both fuel and other logistics services (transport and storage).
- The majority of focal points are already registered in the platform and currently placing requests.
- To access the service, partners are to follow this link: <https://servicemarketplace.wfp.org> (Google Chrome preferred).
- All fuel requests for the following month are currently being submitted, providing good visibility on the organisations' needs.
- As of the end of July 953,501 liters of fuel have been issued to 71 humanitarian agencies, over 1,400 commodities have been transported, and approximately 2,100 mt of cargo was stored for five UN agencies.
- A project to increase fuel capacity is being carried out.

5. AOB

- In the areas where fuel demand is high, WFP is working to increase the capacity to quickly serve the organisations. In Khartoum the work is ongoing and the tank will be installed in a couple of weeks.
- Any changes in staff must be kindly communicated to pamela.onyango@wfp.org so that they can be included in all the useful forums.
- Useful links:
 - OCHA Sudan: <https://www.unocha.org/sudan>
 - Global Logistics Cluster training platform: <https://logcluster.org/trainings>
- **The next Coordination Meeting is scheduled for the 2 September at 10:00 GMT+2**

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