
LOCATION	Khartoum, Sudan - online
DATE	2 September 2021
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Alight (ARC), CARE International, Catholic International Development Charity (CAFOD), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Medecins sans Frontieres – Holland (MSF-H), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), PUI, Relief International, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UN Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP), Welthungerhilfe (WHH).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WFP to provide partners with an update on storage capacity and warehouse assessments.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Logistics Needs/Gap and Challenges2. UNHCR Update – Ethiopian Refugee crisis3. UNHAS Update4. AOB

1. Logistics Needs/Gaps and Challenges

Physical Access

- OCHA provided an update on the areas that have been affected by the floods recently. The rain forecast for the upcoming week is heavy rainfall in the eastern, western, and central part of Sudan. According to Ministry of Water and Irrigation, the water level of the River Nile is above flooding risk. In the next few days, heavy rain and flooding is expected in most parts of Sudan, except the north. The full OCHA report can be found [here](#).
- In the East Sudan region: the Hamdayet receipt centre road is only accessible for light vehicles (4X4), Village 8 road is inaccessible via Khasm El Girba but is accessible via Zero Point Ferry boat for light vehicles (4x4), Um Rakuba road is accessible.
- In the Blue Nile State region: the Floods Sennar- Damazine road is inaccessible due to the flooding.
- In the Kordofan area: Almairam in West Kordofan not accessible. The Sodary locality in North Kordofan is inaccessible due to the flooding.
- South Darfur: Accessibility challenges reported on the roads to Um-Dafug and Dimso.

2. UNHCR Update - Ethiopian Refugee Crisis

- UNHCR presented the updated number of refugees in Sudan states. UNHCR is working with partners on the ground on flood prevention response.
- Road accessibility is restricted for heavy trucks, which has negatively affected the shelter response. This week, the shelter provider has been authorized to distribute 1000 shelter kits.
- After the visit from the UN High Commissioner, UNHCR has been authorized to extend the capacity of camps to accommodate 25,000 people. Plans are underway to relocate refugees from Village 8 and Hamdayek into refugee camps.
- UNHCR warehouse in Gadaref area will be closed until 6 September due to stock-taking activities.
- There is a planned distribution of pre-disaster kits to 1200 households in Um Rukuba camp.

3. UNHAS Update

- UNHAS received official notification from the Civil Aviation extending the airspace ban in Gadaref for an additional month until October 20. On October 20, the Civil Aviation will inform whether the ban will be lifted or extended.
- Despite the ban, UNHAS is able to obtain special permits for requests to the Gadaref and Um Rukaba areas. Only the border area is strictly inaccessible.

4. AOB

- Partners inquired on the status of the WFP warehouse assessment and storage capacity. WFP is working on increasing storage capacity and will keep partners informed when this is available.
- WFP transportation services are available.

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