
Meeting Minutes, 11 November 2021

Sudan, Khartoum



LOCATION	Khartoum, Sudan - online
DATE	11 November 2021
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Care International, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), World Food Programme (WFP)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Logistics Cluster to share its Gaps and Needs Analysis Survey to the partners.• The partners to contact the Logistics Cluster regarding any importation issue they face.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Port Sudan Situation Update2. Partners Operations Update3. AOB

1. Port Sudan Situation Update

- Since the blockades have stopped, Port Sudan operations have resumed at their normal pace. No major issues are observed in customs clearance and dispatch processes.
- Some congestions are being observed in Terminal areas due to the six weeks held operations while cargo was still incoming. The Port is expected to progressively decongestion in the following weeks.
- No congestions are being observed at the fuel depot.
- WFP Port Sudan is prioritizing the dispatch of previously customs-cleared shipments (before the closure of the Port on 17 September 2021). Up to date, 2,406 mt (140 containers) of Yellow Split Peas, Lentils, Veg Oil were dispatched out of 2,940 mt (171 containers), among which 440 mt were dispatched during the closure time. WFP Port Sudan will clear the remaining 534 mt (31 containers) by early next week. From today onwards, will be dispatched other customs-cleared shipments including 1,251mt of Vegetal Oil.
- The discharge of 23,640 mt of bulk Sorghum for WFP was completed on the 4 November 2021 at Green Port. 13,990mt have been directly dispatched from the vessel to the destinations in Sudan. 9,650 mt of cargo including 6,100mt of Sorghum for South Sudan were shunted to WFP Warehouse in Port Sudan. South Sudan cargo is pending for customs clearance and should be ready for dispatch right after the customs process is completed.

2. Partners Operations Update

- Since Port Sudan operations as well as truck movements in-country have resumed, no partner has been reporting on cargo stuck at Port Sudan. The Logistics Cluster is initiating a Gaps and Needs analysis and will be sharing a questionnaire to better assess the operational constraints faced by partners and their cargo status since the blockades.
- Some partners have been mentioning delays in importation clearance and taxes exemptions processes challenging their importation planning. Partners have been invited to share information on the importation constraints they are facing with the Logistics Cluster's focal point to be compiled and communicated to OCHA and the Access Working Group.
- The airport has resumed its operations and international airfreight transportation are expected to resume. Partners can share any specific constraints they face with the Logistics Cluster.
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3. AOB

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