Meeting Minutes, 28 April 2022
Sudan, Khartoum

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Khartoum, Sudan - online

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
Action Against Hunger, Alight Sudan, CARE International, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, Goal, International Medical Corps (IMC), Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), Médecins Sans Frontières OCA (MSF-Holland), Médecins Sans Frontières OCBA (MSF-Spain), Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), Relief International, Secours Islamique France (SIF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNFPA, UNHAS, World Food Programme (WFP)

ACTION POINTS
• Partners are encouraged to share physical access constraint information with Amna Abdein. (amna.abdein@wfp.org)
• The Logistics Cluster will send out invitations for a customs clearance process meeting next week to discuss challenges and bottlenecks.

AGENDA
1. Updates from UNHAS
2. Operational Updates
   o Logistics Cluster
   o Partners
3. Update from WFP service marketplace (fuel, transportation and storage)
4. AOB

1. Updates from UNHAS

• Most flights into and out of Geneina have been cancelled due to insecurity.
• Flights are being scheduled to assist the extraction of non-essential humanitarian workers from the Geneina area. The bookings for the passenger flight tomorrow, 29 April, closed this morning with 54 passengers registered from multiple organisations. Any partners needing assistance with booking flights for their humanitarian workers should contact UNHAS by reaching out to Jared Komwono at jared.komwono@wfp.org or the UNHAS Sudan mailbox at unhas.sudan@wfp.org.
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- Organisations interested in assistance from UNHAS in flying their staff members to a field location will need to have a staff focal point on the ground that can confirm security of the landing zone before the flight can be approved.

2. Operational Updates

- Logistics Cluster:
  - Following the incident in Western Darfur (around Kereinik), the situation is unstable. Little movement in Geneina and shootings were heard last night. Discussions are underway on having a rapid mission to Kereinik, pending security clearance from DSS. Relocation of non-essential staff is planned. Any urgent information received will be shared via the WhatsApp group or the mailing list.
  - A meeting to discuss the challenges and bottlenecks faced by UN agencies in the customs clearance processes was held. The primary challenges highlighted by the representatives present at the meeting were:
    - Inconsistencies of the processes with frequent changes in regulation and a lack of information about these changes
    - The addition of new layers of bureaucracy and additional steps
    - Inability to make direct contact with some departments due to them requiring contact via a third party
    - Processes vary a lot depending on the item to be imported (ICT, drugs, etc.)
    - The conclusion was to disseminate more the work of the Access Working Group and its monthly survey that monitors the importation situation. The next step is to discuss the challenges and bottlenecks in the customs clearance process for INGOs to determine if they are facing the same challenges or different issues specific to their organisations.
    - Information gathered in these meetings will be shared with the Access Working Group and OCHA in order to adjust the advocacy strategy by HCT/HCT+.
  - A supplier database has been compiled, as discussed in previous coordination meetings, thanks to six partners who shared their vendor lists. Any partners interested in the database should reach out to Gerard Genevois at gerard.genevois@wfp.org.

- Partners:
  - NSTR.

3. Update from WFP Service Marketplace (fuel, transportation, and storage)
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- The Sudan fuel reserve is now at 1,000,000 plus litres with another batch of 1,000,000 litres in progress. This strategic stock level is maintained at several locations to meet the requirements for all partners. In April 2022, approximately 40,000 litres have been provided to agencies in 12 locations.
• If any partners have questions or comments on the WFP fuel services, please contact Sohail Asif at sohail.asif@wfp.org.

• In the first quarter of 2022, 140 transportation and storage requests were received from partners. Approximately 1,485 MT were transported and 39 MTT of commodities and non-food items (NFIs) were stored in WFP warehouses.

• The development team is working on new features for the Service Marketplace (SMP) and the team is planning to host a supply chain training for partners. The details of the training will be shared with partners once they are available.

4. AOB

• No other business from partners.

• Communication and information sharing:
  o Mailing list: sudan-logs@logcluster.org
  o Sudan Operation Page: https://logcluster.org/ops/sdn20a
  o Logistics Capacity Assessment, Sudan: https://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Sudan
  o Logistics Cluster WhatsApp group, Sudan: link Sudan Logistics Cluster

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The next coordination meeting is planned on 26 May 2022.

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