LOCATION

Khartoum, Sudan - online

DATE

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CHAIR

Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS

Action Against Hunger (ACF), Alight Sudan, Alima, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Concern Worldwide, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Goal, International Committee of the Red Cross/Red Crescent (ICRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee, Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), Medair Sudan, Médecins Sans Frontières OCG (MSF-Switzerland), Médecins Sans Frontières OCA (MSF-Holland), Médecins Sans Frontières OCBA (MSF-Spain), MedGlobal, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), UNFPA, USAID/BHA, UNITAMS, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision International (WVI)

ACTION POINTS

- Partners are encouraged to share physical access constraint information with Amna Abdein. (amna.abdein@wfp.org)

AGENDA

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

1. Updates from UNHAS

- UNHAS team members were unavailable to provide an update at the meeting. Any request for information can be addressed to unhas.sudan@wfp.org.

2. Operational Updates

- Logistics Cluster:
  - An access constraints map was posted on 16 May 2022 on the Logistics Cluster website for partners to use. It shows the latest constraints following the recent rains in the Blue Nile State. Access maps will be updated on a regular basis, posted on the web site and shared through

https://logcluster.org/ops/sdn20a
A meeting was held last week to discuss challenges faced by humanitarian organisations in their operations regarding the customs clearance process. This meeting was primarily for NGOs and attended by 23 organisations. This was the second in a set of meetings with the first held in April to discuss similar challenges faced by UN agencies. The meeting focused on challenges surrounding the importation of pharmaceutical drugs and medical supplies. Information collected from the meeting will be compiled into a report by the Logistics Cluster and OCHA and shared with partners and the HCT to help develop a strategy for managing importation and find ways to improve the process.

- Any organisations interested in communicating with the OCHA focal point on importation and strategy discussions resulting from the meeting should reach out to Mohammed Gimish (gimish@un.org) who will pass on any questions and information.

**Partners:**

- **Action Against Hunger (ACF) shared operational updates during the meeting.**
  - ACF has been operating in Sudan since 2018, with a focus on health and nutrition, with WSH, FSL and SGBV components. Currently they have five operating locations:
    - Khartoum (Control Office)
    - Blue Nile (At Tadamon area)
    - White Nile
    - South Kordofan (Kadugli & Gadheer)
    - Darfur (Zalingei & Garsila), which is the largest operation.
  - ACF does not have a large fleet; they are renting the necessary vehicles to reduce the impact of insecurity in the operating areas. Most items are procured in Sudan for both food and non-food items, however medical items are typically imported.

- **Concern Worldwide also shared operational updates during the meeting.**
  - Concern has been operating in Sudan for 20 years. The different programmes focus on WASH, nutrition, health and FSL, with a component on conflict resolution. They are operating in West Darfur and the South and West Kordofan areas with offices in Geneina (WD), Kadugli (SK), Muglad & El Fula (WK) and will soon have another office in Abu Jibaiha (SK).
  - Supplies are procured both from field locations and from Khartoum. Importations are mainly for drugs and medical material
  - Concern has a fleet for their capacity needs but also hire vehicles to support with the necessary capacity.
  - Storage is a challenge in field locations and they would be interested in discussing field location storage options (WK & SK) with the Logistics Cluster. Other partners also said they would be interested in discussing field storage with the Logistics Cluster.
(especially in South Kordofan (Abu Jibaiha, Kadugli)), this conversation will be followed up on bilaterally to discuss operational needs.

3. Update from WFP Service Marketplace (fuel, transportation, and storage)

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- The Sudan fuel reserve is now at 1,100,000 plus litres with another consignment of 7,100,000 litres in process to cover needs for the next several months of 2022. This strategic stock level is maintained at 17 locations to meet the requirements for all partners.
- Currently fuel is being provided to 63 partners with signed SLAs. All requests should be shared via the WFP Service Marketplace web site.

4. AOB

- A partner had some questions regarding updates on insecurity in the West Kordofan area (Al Fula-Muglad axis). IOM has an alert system that is useful for receiving situation updates and the Coordinator will follow up with the WFP focal point to provide more information, if any, on the situation bilaterally.
- Another partner was interested in knowing if any organisation has already received for 2022 letters from Ministry of Finance or Ministry of Health supporting the exemption of 1% fee requested by NMPB for the importation of drugs & medical material. Any information received will be shared in the next coordination meeting.
- Communication and information sharing:
  - Mailing list: sudan-logs@logcluster.org
  - Sudan Operation Page: https://logcluster.org/ops/sdn20a
  - Logistics Capacity Assessment, Sudan: https://dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/Sudan
  - Logistics Cluster WhatsApp group, Sudan: link Sudan Logistics Cluster

The next coordination meeting is planned on 23 June 2022.

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