LOCATION
Khartoum (online & in-person)

DATE
8 September 2022

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
ACTED, Alight Sudan, CARE International, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Concern, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), GOAL, International Rescue Committee (IRC), MedGlobal, Médecins Sans Frontières France (MSF), Samaritans’ Purse, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Triangle Génération Humanitaire (TGH), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), UNHAS, Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO)

AGENDA
1. Updates on UNHAS Operations
2. Operation updates
3. Update from WFP Service Marketplace (fuel, transportation, and storage)
4. Announcements and AOB

ACTION POINTS
- Those requiring UNHAS common services in a new area can submit their request to unhas.sudan@wfp.org including the coordinates and name of the given location, as well as the quantity of cargos or passengers that need to be transported within a certain time frame.
- Partners are encouraged to share physical access constraint information with Amna Abdein at amna.abdein@wfp.org

1. Updates on UNHAS Operations

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE ON FLEET
- UNHAS provided an update on the ICAO review of the dual registration of aircraft by the Russian Federation and how this may impact UNHAS operations globally due to the possible blockage of Russian-registered aircraft.
- WFP is taking mitigation actions to ensure the continuity of UNHAS Global. In Sudan, where the current four aircraft might be affected, UNHAS has outsourced four additional helicopters that will be deployed in the coming days. This will ensure the activities in the country in any scenario.
- In parallel with these efforts, WFP is appealing for additional funding to minimise any potential gaps.

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UNHAS USER GROUP COMMITTEE (UGC) AND STEERING COMMITTEE

- UNHAS has two major forums to engage users: the UNHAS User Group Committee (UGC) Meetings and the Steering Committee Groups.
- The User Group Committee (UGM) comprises the flight focal points from each organisation partnered with UNHAS. Meetings are held every quarter for the purpose of information exchange, feedback listening, bringing attention to any technical or customer relations issues, and providing updates on current UNHAS operations.
- The Steering Committee serves as the UNHAS governing body, and has equal member representations from the NGO community, the UN community, and donors.
- The Steering Committee meetings are also held quarterly, and it provides overall strategic and policy guidance on the following areas;
  - Funding modalities and advocacy for fundraising for the common services.
  - Administrative directives detailing eligibility of access to common service.
  - Use of air transport resources and priority of locations according to frequency of use.
  - Host government air transport policy reviews according to humanitarian air transport requirements and activities.
- The Steering Committee is chaired by the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC)/ Resident Coordinator (RC) and co-chaired by the WFP Country Director.

PREVAILING RAINY SEASON AND IMPACT ON FLIGHT SCHEDULES

- During the rainy season, flights are often cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. UNHAS has a principle to reschedule a cancelled flight within 48 hours, however, rescheduled flights remain subject to weather changes.
- A participant asked a question regarding placing a request for UNHAS support in a new location.
  - Users are advised to consult with in-country aviation officers who participate in the local UNHAS User Group Meetings for guidance on flight schedules, cost, as well as availability according to the priority and safety rating of a given region.
  - In the case of a new region or one that has not received UNHAS support for several months, a reassessment must be conducted to ensure that it is (still) safe.
  - If participants require UNHAS common services in a new area, they are encouraged to submit their request to unhas.sudan@wfp.org, including the coordinates and name of the given location, as well as the quantity of cargos or passengers that need to be transported within a certain period. UNHAS will respond as soon as possible with the expected set-up times.
  - All flights that are listed on the UNHAS flight schedule have already been cleared. Participants can reach out to their in-organisation flight focal points to see the updated schedule or contact UNHAS directly.

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3. Updates from Logistics Cluster

**GAPS & NEEDS ANALYSIS (GNA) EXERCISE UNDERTaken BY THE LOGISTICS CLUSTER**

- 22 organisations have been interviewed for the GNA exercise, and the final report is currently being finalised. The interview summaries and strategy moving forward for the coming months and year will be shared with partners as soon as it is ready.

**CERF FUNDS FOR FLOOD RESPONSE**

- WFP is participating in the CERF fund responses proposal. The Logistics Cluster included within it a concept note covering the support for transportation of relief items by HAC, which could also include other partners.
- WFP has historically supported the Government of Sudan through the facilitation of transport for flood responses. CERF funding will allow WFP to offer support once again in terms of transport. Requests are made through OCHA, not directly.

**LOGISTICS RESPONSE TEAM (LRT) TRAINING**

- The first face-to-face Logistics Cluster Training since COVID-19 is planned for November in Brindisi (Italy). It will be an Emergency Response Training and will be primarily for Senior Logisticians. Those interested can apply at the following link (dead line 15/09)
- The training is organised by UNFPA and the Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) and is open to all humanitarian organisations – not only in Sudan.
- One partner suggested that further trainings on capacity building would be helpful with the participation of other organisations. The Logistics Cluster mentioned that this may be implemented in the future, as one of the outcomes of the GNA exercise was the need to reinforce local capacities.

**ACCESS CONSTRAINT MAP**

- The latest Access Constraints Map was updated. It is available for viewing and download here: [Sudan Physical Access Constraints Map_6 September 2022](https://logcluster.org/ops/sdn20a)
- So far it has been updated based only on the information received from the WFP focal points in the region. Partners are always encouraged to share additional updates or information with Amna Abdein at amna.abdein@wfp.org.

4. Updates from partners

**PRESENTATION OF PROGRAMMES FROM CARE INTERNATIONAL**

- Care International is operating in Sudan for 43 years and focus on assisting internally displaced people (especially women and children) and conflict-affected populations to restore livelihoods, and
promoting peace and stability. Current activities include improving water and sanitation, health and nutrition and food security for the humanitarian approach and livelihood, governance, peace building and gender approach for the long term programmes.

- Care provided an overview of their sectoral areas of work as well as their operational geographical presence in Sudan, where they have six regional offices (east and south Darfur, south and west Kordofan, Kassala, Khartoum). Care also intervene in Gedaref on the refugee population.

**OPERATIONAL UPDATES FROM PARTNERS**

- WHO shared they are responding in several flood-affected regions in Sudan. Currently, they do not have any issues to report as far as transport or access.

**5. Updates from WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)**

**FUEL, TRANSPORTATION, AND STORAGE**

- 1 M litres of fuel is currently available. There is an additional 4.2 M litres of fuel in the pipeline.
- 63 UN agencies and NGOs currently in Sudan have signed Service Level Agreements (SLA) for the provision of fuel.
- For the month of August, WFP has provided roughly 42,000 litres to agencies in 12 strategic locations of Sudan.
- Transportation services are currently on an ad-hoc basis. WFP BSP services are not intended to replace the present commercial capacity in-country.
- Some partners raised some questions to be discussed bilaterally with WFP BSP.
- WFP BSP noted that is still able to respond to emergency requests during Service Marketplace system updates. Partners can contact amna.abdein@wfp.org directly in that case.

**6. Announcements and AOB**

- One partner shared their experience on the process for the importation of health supplies. After getting the approval from HAC, a request for importation must be submitted to the National Medicine and Poisons Board. must be submitted in addition to importations to demonstrate proof of authorisation. The logistics Cluster will work with the support of the other partners on a flow chart summarising the process of importation of drugs, medical material and supplies.
- The next coordination meeting will take place on 6 October, but partners were encouraged to reach out to the Logistics Cluster (gerard.genevois@wfp.org) in case they need to have an ad-hoc coordination meeting to address the current flood emergency response.
- There is also a WhatsApp group, partners can request the link to join the group.

**Communication and information sharing:**

- Mailing list: sudan-logs@logcluster.org
The next Sudan Logistics Cluster Coordination meeting will be held on 6 October 2022.

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