LOCATION
Khartoum, Sudan – in person and online

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CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
ACTED, Alight Sudan, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Concern Worldwide, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Goal, IOM, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF Belgium), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UNHAS, Premiere Urgence International (PUI), Secours Islamique France (SIF), The Salam Centre for Cardiac Surgery (Emergency International), Triangle Génération Humanitaire (TGH), UNFPA, World Food Programme (WFP)

ACTION POINTS
• Partners are encouraged to review the Gaps and Needs Analysis and send any comments to Gerard Genevois (gerard.genevois@wfp.org).

AGENDA
1. Updates from UNHAS
2. Operational Updates
   o Logistics Cluster
   o Partners
3. Update from WFP Bilateral Service Provision (Fuel, Transportation and Storage)
4. AOB

1. Updates from UNHAS

• The flight from Geneina to Zalingei on 4 October 2022, was forced to turn back after taking off from Geneina due to technical engine issues. The crew was unable to make it all the way back, so they landed the plane safely two miles short of the runway in Geneina. All five passengers and two crew members made it safely and there was no physical damage to the aircraft. Independent investigations are being conducted by WFP Aviation and the Sudan Civil Aviation Organisation, as required by law.
• The four helicopters with Russian registration in the UNHAS fleet are being re-registered with new country registrations following sanctions and directives from the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

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On the four new helicopters, three are in country, including the one involved in the emergency landing near Geneina, leaving only two helicopters operational in Sudan for the time being. This will impact the ability of UNHAS to meet planned service levels. The flight schedules will be revised to reflect current capacities.

As of yesterday, operations at Al-Damazin Airport have resumed following its closure several weeks ago by authorities due to lack of fire cover, as the fire truck stationed there had broken down. UNHAS flights in and out of Al-Damazin will be able to resume their normal schedule.

2. Operational Updates

Logistics Cluster:

- The Logistics Cluster has completed the Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) and shared the final report.
  - The GNA exercise was carried out in July and August.
  - The aim of the GNA is to collect the perspectives of partners on the logistical gaps and needs for humanitarian organisations in Sudan, make recommendations regarding possible solutions and discuss the strategy of the Logistics Cluster going forward.
  - Interviews were conducted with 22 of the invited partners, including 19 international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) and three UN agencies.
- Conclusions:
  - The Logistics Cluster continues to provide value as the only coordination forum for logistics in Sudan currently.
  - Need to work on decentralisation of coordination in country with support from partners.
  - There is an interest in an increased focus on preparedness activities including trainings. With the support of the GLC training team (Global Logistics Cluster) in Rome and Sudan WFP country office, the Logistics Cluster is looking into the possibility of supporting more trainings in the next year.
  - Partners were interested in increased support on administrative constraints, including humanitarian access challenges and more specifically the movement of humanitarian assistance into and within the country. This area may be discussed with OCHA to determine the best way to support partners in line with the Logistics Cluster mandate.
  - Logistics services such as transportation and storage are available to partners from private sector in-country services and through some partners like WFP BSP support, so there are no major gaps of capacity in the local market. Difficulties were reported for the last-mile deliveries and transportation as well as storage availability in remote locations.

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• Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping services can be supported through the Logistics Cluster. Partners interested in GIS services should reach out with their mapping needs to discuss Logistics Cluster Support.
  ▪ The report was sent to all partners on the mailing list and is accessible through the Logistics Cluster website: [Sudan - Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA), September 2022](https://logcluster.org/ops/sdn20a) | [Logistics Cluster Website (logcluster.org)](https://logcluster.org).
  ▪ Partners are invited to read the report and send comments if any to Gerard Genevois (gerard.genevois@wfp.org).
  ▪ The Logistics Cluster is participating to the Humanitarian Project Cycle (HPC) for the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) being conducted by OCHA for 2023. The Logistics Cluster will contribute to develop the logistics sector strategy in country in support to the programmatic sectors of the HRP.

• UNOCHA
  ▪ There is an access working group in Khartoum with the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) that has a monthly access survey that is distributed to all NGOs to fill out and consolidate access information.
    ▪ It is valuable for logisticians and supply chain managers to be aware of the survey, both to be aware of who in the organisation is filling out the survey each month and also to help provide consolidated information if needed.
    ▪ Information is collected on many valuable access and movement information including customs and importation, safety incidents, permits and visas, among other items.
    ▪ The survey has been recently revised to include more elements and the proposed latest version can be found at the following link: [https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/EEasL8bS](https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/EEasL8bS)
    ▪ If any partners have suggestions, comments or questions about the access survey, please call or email Yasir Taha at OCHA (tahay@un.org).

• IOM
  ▪ A CERF grant has been approved for IOM to support partners in transportation of humanitarian goods for their flood response programmes. This temporary scheme will be operational within two to three weeks. Partners with transportation needs across the country can reach out to Abdelqader (agaraibeh@iom.int).

3. Update from WFP Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) (Fuel, Transportation and Storage)

• WFP provided approximately 130,000 liters of fuel in 13 strategic locations to 60 partners. Around 50 percent of the fuel was provided in Khartoum and the remainder was distributed in field locations.
• Partners can pick up small amounts of fuel as soon as payment has been completed. Larger fuel orders may need a week or more lead time to replenish and distribute stock from other locations as needed.

4. AOB

• Communication and information sharing platforms:
  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

The next coordination meeting is planned on 4 November 2022.

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