LOCATION
Khartoum, Sudan – in person and online

DATE
10 November 2022

CHAIR
Logistics Cluster

PARTICIPANTS
ACTED, ADRA, Alight Sudan, ALIMA, CARE International, Concern Worldwide, Goal, International Rescue Committee (IRC), IOM, Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF Belgium), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Premiere Urgence International (PUI), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNFPA, UNHAS, World Food Programme (WFP)

ACTION POINTS
• The Logistics Cluster will share information on the procedure for importing medical drugs and materials compiled by two partners.

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

• UNHAS Sudan does not have the capacity to carry cargo and are set up for passenger flights. This is due to limited requests for cargo movement services over the years and the availability of land cargo transportation in the country. UNHAS does carry light cargo when necessary after discussion with the partner, typically below 200 kilograms.

• UNHAS Sudan currently only has two operating helicopters:
  o It was operating four registered Russian helicopters, which had to be replaced following the ICAO decision of not allowing the use of Russian registered aircraft.
  o Of the three helicopters newly contracted, one was involved in an emergency landing in Geneina on 4 October. It is still being repaired, it is expected to be ready for service in early December 2022.
The limited number of aircraft has reduced the capacity of UNHAS to meet all requirements and limits the ability to strategically locate aircraft around the country. Among the remaining aircrafts, one is based in Geneina and the other one in El Obeid.

In addition of these two helicopters, one fixed wings caravan is based in Nyala covering far away locations.

UNHAS shares its operational updates on a regular basis with the designated focal points of each partner organisation. Operational logisticians need to make sure that this information is shared within their organisation.

2. Operational Updates

- Logistics Cluster
  - The most recent Physical Access Constraints map was shared on the Logistics Cluster website. Many constraints have been reduced with most impassible roads in Blue Nile and Kassala. Partners are asked to kindly share information on any physical access constraints they encounter with the Cluster coordination at gerard.genevois@wfp.org or with the Cluster GIS officer at amna.abdein@wfp.org.
  - Any partners that would like to request printed maps or specific GIS needs should reach out to discuss if the Logistics Cluster can support in providing the needed products.
  - A list of local vendors for medical products in Sudan established by National Medicines and Poisons Board (NMPB) was shared recently by the Cluster. There is no contact information on the list but this information should be available if the vendor is searched online. NMPB plans to add contacts to the list at the next review beginning of 2023.
  - Focal points from two partners have put together information on the procedure for importing medical drugs and materials. The Logistics Cluster will be combining the documents and sharing them with partners.

- IRC
  - Partner is experiencing warehousing challenges in Gedaref, primarily for non food items.
  - IRC is interested in a market assessment to help with determining the best actions for them going forward. There is not currently a market assessment for vendors or non-food items available for Sudan.
  - May be able to work with other partners bilaterally to resolved the storage challenges temporarily.

- IOM
  - The CERF grant for which IOM was approved that allows them to support partners in transportation of humanitarian goods is specifically for supporting flood affected populations and operational support. Partners with transportation needs across the country can reach out to IOM (agaraibeh@iom.int).
  - Currently IOM is supporting five NGOs with cargo transport when they had operational challenges with transport on their side. They are also supporting six NGOs with NFI kits.
The possibility of supporting partners with storage is currently under discussion with management.

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

- There is not currently enough storage capacity to support requests from partner organisations. WFP BSP is supporting partners with the fuel provision, on a cost recovery basis, and can also support with transportation on the same basis if needed.

4. AOB

- The Cluster Coordinator will go on leave in two weeks. A coordination meeting is still planned for December and any urgent questions can be directed to Julien Marcheix, the Sudan desk officer at the Global Logistics Cluster, at julien.marcheix@wfp.org.
- Communication and information sharing platforms:
  - 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 December coordination meeting will be organised online and the link will be shared through the Cluster mailing list.

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