Chad-Sudan- X-Border Logistics Coordination Group
Chad - Sudan – Coordination Meeting Minutes
21 August 2023

LOCATION Farchana, Chad (in person & online)

DATE 21 August 2023

CHAIR Chad-Sudan X-Border Logistics Coordination Group

PARTICIPANTS African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), International Medical Corps (IMC), Handicap International(HI), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), United Nations High Commission for Refugee (UNHCR), United Nations Childrens’ Funds (UNICEF), World Food Program (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), SAHKAL

AGENDA
1. Introduction
2. Gaps & Needs
3. X-Border SOP.
4. General Updates
5. AoB

ACTION POINTS
• Partners to fill the pipeline information spreadsheet and return it before 29 August 2023, COB.

1. Introduction

• Partners agreed that the language for the Chad-Sudan X-Border Logistics Coordination meeting would be English, and the meeting minutes would be both in French and English.
• Partners agreed that the Chad-Sudan X-Border logistics coordination meeting minutes would be published in English and French.
• Chad-Sudan – X-Border Logistics Coordination Group is part of the Sudan Logistics cluster for the Sudan response: https://logcluster.org/ops/sdn20a#chad-sudanx-borderlogisticscoordination

In Chad, there are currently three coordination forums:

• The Logistics Working Group, which is dedicated to the logistical activities in Chad, with WFP as the lead.

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- The sectoral group which is dedicated only to refugee activities within Chad and is led by the UNHCR (Groupe Sectoriel de la logistique sur les urgences des réfugiés Soudanais à l’est du Tchad).
- Chad-Sudan – X-Border Logistics Coordination dedicated only to the Chad-Sudan cross-border activities and led by the Sudan logistics cluster.

2. Gaps & Needs

A discussion with partners took place on the Gaps & Needs of the response

Transport:
- Lead time and truck capacities during the rainy seasons are:

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<th>Lead Time</th>
<th>Truck Capacity (MT)</th>
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<td>N’Djamena-Abeche</td>
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<td>40</td>
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<td>Abeche- Farchana</td>
<td>2 days</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Farchana- Adré</td>
<td>1 day</td>
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- Overall, N’Djamena – Adré lead time is estimated at 5 to 10 days, depending on weather conditions.
- Private transport is available and no significant inflation was noticed by partners since the beginning of the crisis.
- Partners do not believe transport to be a significant gap in the operations.
- A Partner identified the need for a transhipment hub. For each planned cross-border activity, a point person/agency will need to be identified to facilitate transhipment and customs clearance procedures.

Storage:
- Partners consider:
  - N’Djamena as the main commodities entry point.
  - Abeche as a regional hub.
  - Farchana as a sub-regional hub.
  - Adré as a transit hub to consolidate cargo before crossing into Sudan.
- Farchana logistics hub is still under construction
- Partners identified Farchana as a storage bottleneck.
- Partners mentioned the lack of available dedicated storage capacities for the Cross-border operation.
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- Partners agree on the need to mutualize current storage capacities.
- Partners agree to share their future needs by filling the “Needs Estimation for X-border spreadsheet” before 29 August .
  - Partners requested a specific advocacy and support to increase storage capacities.

**Coordination**
- Overall coordination has been identified as a gap.

**Information Management**
- Information management has been identified as a gap.
- Partner requested:
  - Regular meeting minutes
  - Maps with road constraints and lead time
  - Partner presence and logistic capacity
  - Creation of a dedicated WhatsApp Group

3. X-Border Standard Operations Procedures (SOPs)

- OCHA Sudan presented the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for cross-border humanitarian operations from Chad to Darfur, in Sudan. The following points were mentioned:
  - Partners must complete an online form to notify the planned supply movement. Partners must complete the form offline at least 48 hours prior to the movement of supplies and share it with OCHA and the Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator (DHC) through the following emails: burale@un.org ; athanase.ndayisaba@un.org ; shbib@un.org and toby.harward@un.org. Lastly, OCHA and DHC will inform the Chadian and Sudanese authorities of the movement of goods.
  - The OCHA Sudan presentation will be attached to the email of the meeting minutes.
  - Actual SOPs are still a living document and will be amended as necessary.
  - A partner requested information on export rules and regulations and another requested information on local procurement. The Logistic Cluster will address this question to OCHA and request the support of IMPACCT Working Group.

4. General updates

- Partners highlighted the need to adopt a low-profile attitude regarding the organisation of X-border operations.

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- Atlas Logistique is offering free-to-user storage service in Adré for partners. The current space includes 3 Mobil Storage Units (MSUs) with a storage capacity of approximately 900m². For any questions related to this Atlas storage services, please contact:
  - Marvin Vidon, head of storage, m.vidon@hi.org, Telephone : 60 06 76 87 / 94 94 32 86 (WhatsApp).
  - Julie Saleless, Area Manager Adré, j.salelles@hi.org, Téléphone : 60 06 76 13 / 94 94 32 85.
- 11 mobile storage units (MSUs) are already loaned by WFP to support partners for cross-border activities.
- The first estimations show that Adré will be the main X-border point. Meanwhile, Un Dugun, Kulbuz and Tine are also considered as possible X-border point options.

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<th>Destination Cross-Border</th>
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<th>Volume estimation (m³)</th>
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<td>Grand Total</td>
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- The Logistic Capacity Assessment (LCA) for Chad has been updated and is available https://dlca.logcluster.org/chad.

5. AOB

- Chad-Sudan X-border Logistic Coordination meetings will be held online weekly every Wednesday at 3:00 pm, N’Djamena time.
- This schedule will be reviewed according to the needs and availability.

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