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

LOCATION
N’Djamena, Chad (online)

DATE
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CHAIR
Chad-Sudan X-Border Logistics Coordination Group

PARTICIPANTS
African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), ECHO Field, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) 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), Relief International (RI), United Nations Children’s Funds (UNICEF), World Food Program (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), SAHKAL

AGENDA
1. X-Border Update
2. General Update
3. AOB

ACTION POINTS
• Partners to fill the pipeline information spreadsheet.
• Collecting Logistics capacities information for UN and NGO partners

1. X-Border Update

• Partners shared key elements and lessons learned about their experience on cross-border operations (experiences and recommendations).
• As a lesson learned, partners highlight the need to advocate for a clearer communication line for the dissemination of information from the Central level to the border authorities.
• Partner pointed out the need to have harmonised procedures for X-border activities for all the prefectures.
• A partner shared their experience at the Kulbuz border. The partner was requested by the authorities at the border point to offload all the cargo from the trucks for inspection and the cargo had to be loaded again afterwards.
• Some partners requested to create a dedicated working group for Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for cross-border humanitarian operations from Chad to Darfur, in Sudan. Partners request the Chad-Sudan-X-border Logistic Coordination Group to collaborate with OCHA, and IMPACCT Working Group to develop proper cross-border SOPs which will include common logistic methodology and a clear understanding of the customs procedures to enhance partners' activities.

https://logcluster.org/ops/sdn20a
Partners agreed to have common reporting on a monthly basis to share information about:

- Number of trucks loaded for cross-border
- Volume of commodities dispatched through the border

About the storage bottleneck identified in Farchana, the Chad-Sudan – X-border Logistics Coordination Group is working with UN agencies and NGOs on exploring options to increase storage capacity and mutualization in Abeche.

Partners request to have a list of Chadian and Sudanese trucks suppliers. The XBorder team informed that a list of Chadian transporters already accessible on the Logistics Capacity Assessments (LCAs): https://dlca.logcluster.org/chad

Partners request a mapping of cold chain (+2°C, +8°C) and temperature control (+15°C, +25°C) storage capacities.

Partners mentioned the lack of available dedicated storage capacities for the Cross-Border operation, particularly in Farchana.

Partners agreed to continue to share their future need by filling the “Needs Estimation for X-border spreadsheet”.

2. General Update

Below information about lead time and road constrains to reach cross border points identified.

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<th>Number of Km</th>
<th>NUMBER OF WADIS</th>
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<td>ABECHE &gt; FARCHANA</td>
<td>120 Km</td>
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<td>170 km</td>
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<td>ABECHE &gt; KULBUZ</td>
<td>430 km</td>
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- Some products are already available online
  - General Logistics Planning map, Sudan-Chad border
  - Sudan-Chad border assessment insights and maps

- LogIE is a tool that allows to get relevant logistics information through an online interface. The tool is already online for Sudan and Chad and will help to share physical constraints in both countries. [https://logie.logcluster.org/?op=sdn-23-a](https://logie.logcluster.org/?op=sdn-23-a)
- The Xborder logistics team requests partners to share all information about road constraints to update LogIE and to print additional maps. Partners are encouraged to do so by sending an email to seraphin.mbusa@wfp.org and sdn.response.logcoordinatino@logcluster.org

3. AOB

- UNHAS is looking for focal points in Adré and Ourang to secure a Helicopter landing zone. Please, contact Raymond.shady@wfp.org for more information.
- ECHO is considering a potential flight from Europe to Ndjamena. The consultation opened few weeks ago is re-opened until 4 September at 18:00.
  - The criteria to be integrated to the flight would be:
    - Goods used/distributed immediately
    - In response to the Sudan crisis and influx of refugees into easter Chad
    - Items dedicated to the displaced population from eastern Chad and cross border movement to Darfur
- For the time being, the EUHAB mechanism has not been activated for this flight but to further advocate on EUHAB activation. Partners are encourage to share their needs on the dedicated platform [Transport.hulo](https://logcluster.org/transport)

The next Chad-Sudan-X-border Logistics Coordination Group meeting will be held on 6 September, 2023 at 15:30 Chad local time.

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