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CHAIR
Regional Logistics Cluster Coordinator

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AGENDA
1. Revision of previous action points
2. Entry Points status
3. Chad-Sudan- X-border Logistic Coordination Group updates
4. General updates: Sudan Logistics Cluster
5. AoB

ACTION POINTS
• All partner organisations to share information on the number of truck movements (Origin – destination) in eastern Sudan on a weekly basis during the coordination meetings so this can be shared with CMCoord.
• The Logistics Cluster to follow up with the CMCoord on the status of the first convoy that left Kosti on 21 July.

1. Revision of previous action points

• The Logistics Cluster is following up with WFP Egypt office on the customs clearance agent list and will share it with partners in the next week.
• CMCoord is working on establishing a cross-border mechanism from Chad to Darfur. Recognising that this is may take some time, the Logistics Cluster is awaiting for CMCoord to determine what routes are available at the moment.

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Current convoys still remain from Kosti to the West and there is currently no route determined from Khartoum.

2. Entry points Status

- Regarding the Ethiopian border (Metema-Galabat), WFP successfully moved 25 trucks through the border a week ago. The second tranche is stuck in the Ethiopian town of Gondar, waiting to cross. No customs clearance challenges have been reported at this entry point by partners that managed to cross the border. On the Chad-Adre border, there are currently two partners crossing from Kulbuz (Chad side) into Sudan. WFP is also organizing a lite movement from Adre to Sudan. Updates will be provided to partners in the coming days.

- Egypt – Sudan Border. Previously, the main issue experienced by the partner that recently crossed the border was the need to carry original documents and potential issues with clearing agents. However, the Logistics Cluster has been informed that there is a considerable backlog at the border on the Egypt side due to gaps in the entry procedure on the Sudan side. Any partner with further information should let the cluster know via sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org.

3. Chad-Sudan-X-border Logistic Coordination Group updates

- The Chad-Sudan-X-border Logistic Coordination Group coordinator reached out to all partners working closely with the Sudan Logistics Cluster on cross-border operations and encouraged partners to support the collection of data most important for the working group activities. The group had its first meeting on the 21 August, and minutes were published on the website. The next coordination meeting will be held on 30 August, and an invitation for the meeting has already been shared. Partners who wish to participate in the meetings and receive communications from this group should send an email to subscribe-chad-sudan-xborder@logcluster.org.

- Regarding storage capacity, Farchana has been identified as a bottleneck as there is not enough storage capacity versus the demand for the cross-border operation. The group is working with partners to reinforce the storage capacity in Abeche. More details will be provided in the coming days.

- The Chad-Sudan-X-border Logistic Coordination Group will work with OCHA and the authorities to develop a proper cross-border SOP which will include a clear understanding of the customs procedures and procurement processes to enhance partners’ activities.

- The Chad-Sudan-X-border Logistic Coordination Group will conduct GIS activities to develop and share a physical constraint map with all partners in the coming days. Partners are encouraged to liaise with the working group and contact christophe.vial@wfp.org and seraphin.mbusa@wfp.org.

- Atlas Logistique is offering free-to-user storage services in Adre to partners with three Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) with a total space of roughly 900 m². Partners interested in using these services should contact christophe.vial@wfp.org to discuss the modalities of accessing these services.

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The Chad-Sudan- X-border Logistic Coordination Group received pipeline information from the UN agencies. Most of the pipeline is expected to cross towards Sudan through Adre, although some UN Agencies are also considering Un Dungun, Bulbuz and Tine entry points for smaller quantities. The group will work with the authorities to facilitate the cross-border operation from these additional entry points.

The X-border Logistics Coordination meetings will be online and in person when possible. The working group meetings are held in English, and meeting minutes are shared and published in English on the Sudan Logistics Cluster Page.

### 4. General updates: Sudan Logistics Cluster

- Request from CMCoord to all organisations to share information on the number of truck movements (Origin-destination) in Eastern Sudan only to put the chat every meeting. The Logistics Cluster will compile this and share it with CMCoord on a weekly basis while ensuring the process is kept as light as possible to enhance the establishment and coordination of humanitarian convoys.
- Due to the existence of delays in customs bureaucratic impediments (including customs clearance), the Logistics Cluster is forwarding to OCHA WG any information received in this regard.
- Regarding the cold chain in Port Sudan, WFP contracting process with the commercial provider of 196 m² of temperature-controlled storage capacity is nearly complete in Port Sudan. This temperature-controlled storage capacity is expected to be operational by mid-September; until then, the Logistics Cluster will continue coordinating storage requests to the available storage capacity among partners.
- In order to enable the link:
  - Partners with additional temperature-controlled storage capacity are encouraged to share it via logIE warehouse survey mapping.
  - Partners need temperature-controlled capacity in Port Sudan to send a message to sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org.
- The new regional Logistics Cluster coordinator has joined the team to support in the coming weeks. Handover processes will be done in the next week.

### 5. AOB

- The Logistics Cluster encourages partners to share items they would like to discuss so they are included in the next agenda meeting (sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org). Partners can request slots during the coordination meetings to present their experiences, success stories, and challenges in delivering humanitarian assistance.
• Partners to contact the Logistics Cluster focal point in Port Sudan [ali.awan@wfp.org] and sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org regarding queries or requests on temperature-controlled services.

• A partner who experienced challenges at the Egypt border point will share with the Logistics Cluster the list of items that caused a delay in crossing the border. The Logistics Cluster, through IMPACCT working group, will use this information to advocate through the AWG and other external forums. Partners are encouraged to contact the cluster via fiona.lithgow@wfp.org, denis.iga@wfp.org and SDN.response.logcoordination@wfp.org.

• A partner asked if there are plans for UNHAS to airlift medical cargo from Nairobi to Sudan. Partners were informed that UNHAS only airlifted lite cargo. For more contacts and clarification on this, partners should contact the regional Logistics Cluster coordinator via fiona.lithgow@wfp.org to liaise with UNHAS.

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