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CHAIR
Chad-Sudan X-Border Logistics Coordination Group

PARTICIPANTS
European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO-Sudan), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF Swiss), Federation Lutherienne Mondiale (FLM), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), World Relief (WR Sudan), United Nations Children’s Funds (UNICEF), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA Sudan), World Food Program (WFP).

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

ACTION POINTS
• Partners to share information with the Logistics Cluster support team on expected pipelines.

1. Cross-Border Update

Jeddah Talks

• Toby Harward, Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator Sudan (Darfur) shared the latest update on Jeddah Talks. Parties involved agreed to recommit to upholding humanitarian principles and to participate in the joint humanitarian forum, led by the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Sudan, Clementine Nkweta-Salami. One of the forum’s key topics is access constrains. The parties will work on identifying points of contact to assist with movements of humanitarian supplies.
• The impact of this new commitment is still to be determined. Currently, all procedures stand as of now and partners are encouraged to use the Humanitarian Information Sharing Mechanism (HISM) notification system.
• Next Jeddah talk will be held on 27 November. Partners shall address bureaucratic/administrative impediments and logistic advocacy topics to

https://logcluster.org/ops/sdn20a
chrispote.vial@wfp.org or directly to OCHA Sudan. The new head of sub-office of Darfur and X-Border is Claudine Joseph (joseph27@un.org).

Cross-Border Movements

- Supply cross-border (X-Border) movement have been suspended from 1 November.
- The HAC advised to suspend any supply movement until 15 November. This directly affected movements of supplies of some organizations to West and Central Darfur.
- Some organizations resumed supply movements on 16 November.
- All partners are encouraged to submit their notification at least 48 hours in advance, via the online form. There will be an additional offline the form to fill (Lettre de letter Consignment) with more specific information on the movement. The form shall be shared with OCHA and DHC at least 48 hours prior the movement.
- For communications related to the notification system, contact Ahmed Hadi (hadi@un.org). Keep always in copy Claudine Joseph (joseph27@un.org), Mostafa Shbib (shbib@un.org) and Adam Ibrahim (ibrahim32@un.org), Christophe Vial (christophe.vial@wfp.org) and Manadi Bondok (manadi.bondok@wfp.org).
- The Logistics Cluster, with the support of OCHA Sudan, is developing a technical standard operating procedure (SOP) on the Humanitarian Information Sharing Mechanism (HISM), to be shared with all partners for validation.
- Partners requested more information on regulations regarding local procurement exported to Sudan.
- Chadian authorities have no objection to transportation of humanitarian aid to Sudan when partners use the procedures for the notification system (HISM) for cross-border operations.
- The Logistics Cluster will liaise with OCHA X-Border and OCHA Chad to verify the current regulations in place for local procurement and exportation.
- Authorities have ensured that movements notified via HISM are tax-free and do not require escort.
- If, after registering the movement on the HISM, any partner is asked to pay taxes or escort, please send an email to christophe.vial@wfp.org, manadi.bondok@wfp.org and use the access incident reporting tool of the OCHA Sudan Access Working Group to report the incident.
- Tine’ Diagaraba / Tina, Kulbuz, Adre - Maragibir, Ade / Beida, and Mogororo / Forbranga are the X-Border points currently operating. Um Dukhum is not recommended.
X-Border Operational Challenges

- Partners highlighted several operational challenges, resulting in an overall high cost of logistics, with a negative impact on efficiency of operations.
- The addition of the three humanitarian responses (Chad's response, Sudanese refugees in Chad, and Chad's X-Border operations into Sudan), combined with the ongoing difficulties with the West Africa corridor, is placing significant strain on logistics in eastern Chad.
- Physical constraints due to road conditions and morphology of the country (land-locked) have been noted as having a significant impact on operations.
- Partners highlighted the high cost of ground transportation.
- Inflation has not been recorded so far and the Logistics Cluster will continue to monitor the market price.
- Currently there is no transportation gap.
- Partners reiterated the advocacy for an additional Humanitarian Air Bridge (HAB) support.
- Partners mentioned issues in connectivity in Farchana and Adré.
- The Logistics Cluster will circulate a survey among partners to assess the connectivity needs in the mentioned areas.
- Some partners expressed their interest in temperature controlled and cold chain storage in East Chad and Darfur.
- The Logistics Cluster requests partners to share their pipeline with specific details on temperature controlled/cold chain storage needs.
- Partners are concerned on the availability of fuel in Darfur and the possible increase of fuel prices.
- Partners request to the Logistics Cluster additional information on the discussion of Sudanese truck entering Sudan and the facilitation of loading in Farchana.
- The Logistics Cluster has an ongoing discussion with the authorities.
- All partners are encouraged to share their procurement plans and pipeline with the Logistics Cluster.
- Partners highlighted interest in joining their efforts, with the aim of reducing transportation costs.
- Partners consider Abeche as a regional hub and Farchana as a sub-regional hub.
- Partners identified Farchana as a storage bottleneck.
- Partners consider Adré as a transit hub to consolidate cargo before crossing into Sudan.
2. General Update

**UNHAS**

- UNHAS flights: Adré air strip still under validation by authorities. Currently the capacity of the airport is limited to 12 passengers for arrivals and nine passengers for departure.
- Partners are advised to choose ground transportation for their missions between Farchana and Adré.

**Storage & Transportation**

- Atlas Logistique is offering a free to user storage service to partners in Adré. The current storage space comprises three mobile storage units (MSU) of 880 sqm.
- For additional information on Atlas storage services, please contact:
  - Marvin VIDON, Chef de Projet Stockage
    m.vidon@hi.org
    Phone: (+235) 60 06 76 87 / 94 94 32 86 (WhatsApp)
  - Abdoulaye Saleh ABOUBAKAR, Area Manager Adré
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    Phone: (+235) 60 06 76 13 / 94 94 32 85
- WFP offers transport and storage service to partners, through ODS (On-Demand Services).
- If you have any questions about WFP/ On-Demand Services storage services, please contact:
  - Salifou Axel MOUGNIGA, Logistics Officer – BSP Operations Coordinator, WFP
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- Partners are recommended to sign partnership agreements with these two organizations. Signing this agreement does not bind you to using the service, but rather simplifies access and minimizes administrative delays, particularly in case of emergency requirements.
- Partners are encouraged to share with the Logistics Cluster their own transporters list.

3. AOB

Partner wishes to be added in our mailing list or WhatsApp group can contact

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The next Chad-Sudan-X-border Logistics Coordination Group meeting will be held on November 28 at 2:00 p.m. Chad local time | Online.

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