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# Sudan Operation

## Sudan – Coordination Meeting Minutes

25 June 2025

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<b>LOCATION</b>	Port Sudan and Online
<b>DATE</b>	25 June 2025
<b>CHAIR</b>	Sudan Logistics Cluster Coordinator
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	ACF Spain, Africa Initiative for Rural Development (AIRD), Airlink, Alight, Alima, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Concern Worldwide, Emergency NGO, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Hulo, International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), INTERSOS, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Médecins Sans Frontières - Belgium, Médecins Sans Frontières - Switzerland, Mercy Corps, Mercy Malaysia, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Relief International (RI), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Welthungerhilfe (WHH), World Food Programme (WFP).
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Previous action points</li><li>2. Logistics Cluster Services and Updates</li><li>3. OCHA CMCoord/Access and Convoys</li><li>4. United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) Update</li><li>5. Rainy Season Preparedness</li><li>6. Any Other Business</li></ol>
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Information Sharing:</b> The Logistics Cluster to share updates on advocacy efforts to reverse the ending of SSMO and SPC exemptions for humanitarian organizations.</li><li>• <b>Information Sharing:</b> Partners to share any challenges they face due to recent restrictions on exports from the US to Sudan.</li><li>• <b>Physical Road Conditions:</b> Partners to submit details on physical access constraints and anticipated road conditions during the rainy season through LogIE.</li><li>• <b>Training:</b> Partners to submit interest to participate in the upcoming humanitarian logistics training from 28-30 July using <a href="#">this link</a>.</li></ul>

## 1. Previous Action Points

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- **Monthly Movement Plan:** Partners are requested to submit their monthly cross-border and crossline movement plans by the 1st of each month in the Humanitarian Information Sharing Mechanism (HISM).
- **Information Management:** Partners to submit details on physical access constraints through LogIE.
- **Access Constraints:** Partners should report access constraints using the OCHA Access Monitoring and Reporting Framework or by emailing [ocha-sudanaccessreporting@un.org](mailto:ocha-sudanaccessreporting@un.org).

- **Inter-agency convoys or WFP-led movements:** For upcoming movements, partners should contact Abdallah Dirar ([abdallah.dirar@wfp.org](mailto:abdallah.dirar@wfp.org)).

## 2. Logistics Cluster Services and Updates

### Common Services

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- The Logistics Cluster provides temporary storage and road transport at no cost to partners. See the [Standard Operating Procedures](#) for details on services and access procedures.

#### Transport

- Transport services prioritize those lacking independent transport capacity.
- Before submitting a [Service Request Form \(SRF\)](#) for road transport, partners should contact the Sudan Logistics Cluster Coordinator, [Ali Awan](#).
- Each organisation is responsible for negotiating its own access and obtaining travel permits.
- In addition to ongoing services in Sudan, the Logistics Cluster provides road transport support from Chad (Abeche or Adre) on a case-by-case basis.
- Loading and offloading of cargo onto and from the truck/s are included in the transportation services provided by the Logistics Cluster.
- In June, the Logistics Cluster provided 14 trucks at no cost to seven different partners.

#### Storage

- The Logistics Cluster provides temporary storage at no cost to partners in:
  - Kassala, Gedaref, Port Sudan, and Kosti (8,036 m<sup>3</sup> / 1,667 MT currently stored for 16 partners).
  - Port Sudan includes 190 m<sup>2</sup> of temperature-controlled storage, with plans for expansion.
  - For an overview of temporary storage capacities, refer to the [Concept of Operations](#).
- Starting 1 July, a Logistics Cluster warehouse in Nyala, South Darfur, offering 1,645 m<sup>3</sup> of storage space, will be available to partners.
- A Logistics Cluster storage facility is also expected to become available in El Geneina, West Darfur, starting from 1 August.
- Additional storage capacity is anticipated at proposed WFP facilities in locations such as Tawila, Khartoum, and Al Dabbah. El Daien may also be considered for future expansion.
- The Logistics Cluster loans MSUs to partners for use in locations where it is not present. Partners are encouraged to contact the Cluster directly and provide pipeline details when requesting an MSU.
- 15 MSUs are currently pending customs clearance in Port Sudan. The Logistics Cluster has also initiated the procurement of an additional 10 MSUs, which will be delivered to Chad to support cross-border operations and partners operating in Darfur.

- In Adré, Atlas Logistique offers 811 m<sup>2</sup> of ambient storage at no cost to partners. An additional 150 m<sup>2</sup> of temperature-controlled storage (15-25 degrees) will be made available from July. For details, contact [Souleymane Traore](#) (+235 94 94 32 86) and [Joël Yameogo](#) (+226 75 83 82 19).

## Movement Plans

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### Humanitarian Information Sharing Mechanism (HISM)

- Partners should submit monthly movement plans (including cross-line and cross-border movements) to the OCHA [HISM](#) platform by the 1st of each month.
- OCHA shares these plans with the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) to enhance visibility and advocate for improved access to hard-to-reach locations. The Logistics Cluster tracks movements to optimize transport capacity utilization and support convoy planning.
- For assistance with movement planning or HISM, partners can contact [Abdallah Dirar](#) and [Jacob McCoy](#)
- In May, 283 trucks (10,818 MT) crossed Adre, with 216 trucks (8,386 MT) having moved crossline. This the highest monthly movement of goods via the Adre border crossing in 2025. There were no movements via Tine during this period.
- For June, so far 102 trucks (3,603 MT) have crossed Adre with 164 trucks (6,325 MT) having moved crossline.
- A reminder to submit July movement plans will be shared via the mailing list.

## Ongoing Issues & Updates

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- Partners have reported that the Ministry of Finance has recently ceased granting SSMO (Sudanese Standards and Metrology Organization and SPC (Sea Ports Corporation) exemptions for humanitarian organizations. Advocacy efforts are ongoing to reverse this decision, and the Logistics Cluster is following up.
- Partners are requested to share any challenges they face following the recent introduction of restrictions on US exports to Sudan from 6 June.
- Maintenance work on the Morni bridge, connecting El Geneina (West Darfur) and Zalingei (Central Darfur), has recently been completed. Trucks of up to 50 MT can now cross this bridge. Reinforcement repairs works have started on the Ardamata Bridge.
- The Logistics Cluster has shared a Save the Date for an upcoming Humanitarian Logistics Training, scheduled for 28 to 30 July 2025. This three-day training will cover key topics, including humanitarian logistics, road transport operations, transport contracting and service provider management, warehouse and inventory management, humanitarian access, customs clearance and importation procedures, and the Logistics Cluster mandate and functions. To express interest in attending, [complete this form](#).

### Rainy Season Preparedness

- Partners can access the recent Logistics Cluster orientation for [LogIE](#), the Logistics Cluster's online GIS platform, [here](#).
- The new rainy season planning module allows partners to view the anticipated rainy season road conditions across Sudan, along with thousands of wadis and historic flood susceptibility mapping data. This tool can be used by partners to determine if a certain region will be accessible during the rainy season.
- Partners are encouraged to share road status updates with the Logistics Cluster to ensure the most up-to-date information is available and disseminated through the GIS platform.

## 3. OCHA CMCoord/Access and Convoys Update

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- The humanitarian access situation remains heavily constrained in the Kordofan and Darfur regions. This is expected to become more difficult during the rainy season.
- Continued episodes of insecurity in North, South, and West Kordofan have made Kadugli inaccessible, an area that is already in severe need of humanitarian supplies. Efforts are being made to receive the necessary Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) clearance to allow for humanitarian access to this area in the coming weeks.
- Civilian infrastructure in the Kordofans, including hospitals, has recently experienced damage and service interruptions due to ongoing instability in the region.
- Access to El Fasher in North Darfur is currently limited, while the rest of the Darfur region remains reachable via Adre. This crossing is officially open for humanitarian cargo until 15 August 2025.
- A recent incident near Zalingei/Nertiti in Central Darfur temporarily impacted humanitarian personnel, who have since returned safely following coordination efforts.
- Cargo movement from Ad-Dabbah to Darfur has been suspended until further notice.
- Partners are encouraged to report access incidents and constraints through the AMRF (available in both [English](#) and [Arabic](#)) - the Access Monitoring and Reporting Framework.

### Inter-Agency Convoys

- **Inter-Agency Convoy from Chad to South and East Darfur:** The movement is expected to include cargo for three partners and accompanied staff from six organizations with an estimated departure the first week of July.
- The Logistics Cluster is planning to support future inter-agency convoys from Port Sudan. Partners are encouraged to share their priority locations to be endorsed by the ICCG.

### WFP-Led Movements

- The Logistics Cluster facilitates the inclusion of partners' trucks in WFP-led movements when opportunities arise.

- **WFP-led Movement from Port Sudan to Central and South Darfur:** The movement is expected to include cargo for four partners who are in the process of obtaining travel permits.

## 4. United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) Updates

- Despite access challenges and airspace limitations, UNHAS flights continue to serve four destinations – namely Nairobi, Port Sudan, Kassala and Dongola. For details, refer to the [UNHAS Sudan Weekly Flight Schedule \(1 – 31 July 2025\)](#).
- UNHAS are still working towards restarting flights from Port Sudan to Cairo and are waiting for the appropriate approvals.
- Damazine runway maintenance work is completed and UNHAS are working towards reopening scheduled flight services to this location, approvals permitting, with the date to be confirmed.
- After a request to conduct an assessment of Khartoum International Airport was rejected by the authorities, and in light of the prevailing security situation in Khartoum, UNHAS have now applied to conduct an assessment of Atbara airport as a temporary alternative and are waiting for this approval.
- UNHAS Sudan wishes to remind all passengers that taking photographs is prohibited at all airports in Sudan. Those found to be in violation of this directive will face stern action by the authorities.

## 5. AOB

- The [Logistics Cluster app](#) is available for [Android](#) and [iOS](#). Partners can use the app to access key Logistics Cluster documentation and tools, including LogIE, Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA), LOG and more. New push notifications provide real-time updates on critical logistics information.
- Partners are invited to provide short presentations (5-10 min) at the coordination meetings regarding their logistics operations and challenges, by emailing [sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org](mailto:sdn.response.logcoordination@wfp.org).

**The next Sudan Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings at the WFP Port Sudan Office and online on **Wednesday, 16 July 2025 at 3pm Sudan time / 2pm Chad time****

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