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# Sudan Operation

## Sudan – Coordination Meeting Minutes

5 August 2025

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<b>LOCATION</b>	Port Sudan and Online
<b>DATE</b>	5 August 2025
<b>CHAIR</b>	Sudan Logistics Cluster Coordinator
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	Action Against Hunger - Spain (ACF), African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), Airlink, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Concern Worldwide (CWW), Emergency NGO, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), GOAL, Humanity and Inclusion (HI), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Läkarmissionen International (LM), Mercy Corps (MC), Médecins Sans Frontières - Belgium (MSF-B), Médecins Sans Frontières - France (MSF-F), Music for Peace, Norwegian Refugee Council, Save the Children International (SCI), Solidarités International (SI), Triangle Generation Humanitaire (TGH), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Welthungerhilfe (WHH), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), World Relief International (WR).
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Logistics Cluster Services and Updates</li><li>2. OCHA CMCoord/Access and Convoys</li><li>3. United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) Update</li><li>4. Any Other Business</li></ol>
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partners to submit movement plans for crossline and cross-border operations via HISM to facilitate timely notification and coordination.</li><li>• Partners interested in joining upcoming inter-agency convoys or WFP-led movements to notify the Logistics Cluster.</li><li>• Partners to report physical access constraints via the LogIE platform.</li><li>• Partners working on XB response to complete the survey on medical importation challenges in Chad for Sudan-bound cargo.</li><li>• Logistics Cluster to explore dedicated Chad cross-border coordination meetings.</li><li>• UNHAS to share updates on the potential resumption of the Cairo airbridge.</li></ul>

## 1. Logistics Cluster Services and Updates

### Common Services

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#### Transport

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- Road transport services are available on a case-by-case basis for partners facing operational or funding constraints. Partners must apply for travel permits themselves.
- In July, 7 trucks were provided to 3 partners; in 2025 so far, 35 trucks supported 11 partners.

### Storage

- Common storage is available in Port Sudan, Gedaref, Kassala, Kosti, Nyala, and Tawila.
- Common storage is planned in El Geneina, Al Dabbah, and Khartoum.
- In July, 9,174 m<sup>3</sup> was stored for 17 partners; over 17,000 m<sup>3</sup> has been stored for 19 partners so far this year. Temperature-controlled space in Port Sudan has increased to 345 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Temperature-controlled units are under clearance and will be handed over to WHO.
- 15 mobile storage units (MSUs) are available in Port Sudan for loan to partners. The Logistics Cluster can support with the transportation. However, partners need to apply for travel permits themselves for hard-to-reach locations.

### Requests and Planning

- Partners are encouraged to communicate needs early to allow timely arrangement of services. All services are provided at no cost.

## Movement Plans

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- Monthly movement plans should be submitted in advance through the [HISM](#) platform, especially for Adre movements to facilitate the necessary notification with authorities. The plans also support coordination and advocacy.
- Although partners expressed challenges in sharing movement plans a month in advance due to pipeline uncertainties, the Logistics Cluster emphasised the importance of providing this information as early as possible to support coordination efforts.
- July saw the highest volume of cross-border movements through Adre (11,391 MT) since August 2024 and Tine (1,690 MT) since September 2024.
- Partners can request access to the Logistics Cluster's cross-border and crossline cargo movement dashboard by contacting [Jacob McCoy](#).

## Cross-Border Updates

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- The rainy season continues to impact operations, with high water levels in wadis. Partners are encouraged to share real-time information (photos, videos, locations) to help map up-to-date conditions, especially from the Chad side to Darfur.
- Partners are urged to use the [LogIE platform](#) to report access constraints and updates, which helps maintain accurate situational awareness.

- UNHAS flights to/from Adré are suspended due to the accumulation of stagnant water around the airstrip. During this period, passengers will be redirected to travel via Farchana.
- Fuel shortages and price increases are expected in Darfur during the rainy season.
- Atlas Logistique offers ambient and temperature-controlled storage in Adré. All requests should be sent to [dsl@tchad.hi.org](mailto:dsl@tchad.hi.org).
- Partners have reported challenges importing medical items through Chad destined for Sudan. A survey targeting partners engaged in cross-border response has been launched to gather data.
- Some partners proposed organising dedicated Chad cross-border coordination meeting to address specific operational challenges.

## 2. OCHA CMCoord/Access and Convoys Update

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### Access Update

- Access constraints persist due to insecurity and bureaucratic impediments, including visa denials and travel permit delays. Authorities required detailed justifications for visa applications.
- The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) requested the Humanitarian Access Working Group (HAWG) to revise the Joint Operating Principles (JOPs), to include clearer red lines and stronger roles for national NGOs.
- A collapsed bridge was reported between Nertiti and Zalingi, disrupting truck movement.
- New administrative requirements reported between Central and West Darfur include stamps and travel notifications.
- A partner inquired about the potential extension of the Adre border crossing beyond 16 August. It was confirmed that advocacy efforts to support the extension are currently ongoing.
- One partner requested advice on the optimal route to deliver items to Tawila – whether via Chad or Port Sudan. OCHA Access/CMCoord recommended Chad as the more viable route currently.
- Partners are encouraged to report any access issues in the Access Monitoring Framework (AMRF) to support advocacy and coordination (English version [here](#), Arabic version [here](#)).

### Convoys Update

- The Logistics Cluster shared planned convoys via the mailing list. Partners are welcome to express their interest in participating, ensuring to secure their trucks and all necessary permits. If partners face difficulties securing trucks, the Logistics Cluster can assist on a case-by-case basis. These include:
- **Inter-Agency Convoys:** the Logistics Cluster coordinates logistics aspects of the convoy while access negotiations are managed by OCHA Access/CMCoord. Upcoming convoys include:
  - Chad to North Darfur (Tina, Kornoj, Um Barou, Kutum, and Mellit) planned for September.
  - Port Sudan to North and South Kordofan. This route is particularly complex given the ongoing access challenges with advocacy efforts underway.
  - One partner inquired about a convoy to Khartoum. The Logistics Cluster clarified that partners should express interest in destinations to support planning and coordination.

- **WFP-Led Movements:** partners can join WFP truck movements to various destinations by providing their own trucks and travel permits.
  - Upcoming WFP movements include locations in Kassala, Gedaref, Kosti, Damazine, Dongola, Al Lait, Radom, Jabir, Nyala, Otash, and West Kordofan.

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

- In July, UNHAS transported over 800 humanitarian personnel and more than 3 mt of essential cargo.
- UNHAS continues to operate flights from Nairobi to Port Sudan on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and Kassala on Sundays and Thursday. Due to low passenger demand, Dongola flights are served on an ad-hoc basis, contingent on sufficient requests.
- While plans to resume flights to Cairo were noted during the meeting as pending necessary clearances, an official announcement confirming the resumption of the Cairo airbridge effective Tuesday, 19 August 2025, was shared on 8 August, with a [revised schedule](#).
- Kassala had been considered as a hub for UNHAS operations to other domestic airports. However, this plan has been suspended due to the security situation.
- UNHAS has formally requested government authorisation to initiate flight operations to Damazine and Kadugli. Additionally, the team seeks permission to conduct aviation assessments at Atbara, Khartoum, and Wad Madani airports to support ongoing humanitarian efforts.

### 4. Any Other Business

- A partner requested support in identifying suppliers for rub halls from Juba (South Sudan) and transport to Nyala (South Darfur). The Logistics Cluster offered to connect them with the South Sudan coordinator.

The next Sudan Logistics Cluster Coordination Meetings at the WFP Port Sudan Office and online on **Wednesday, 27 August 2025 at 3pm Sudan time / 2pm Chad time**

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