
LOCATION	Khartoum, Sudan – Online
DATE	19 November 2020
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	GOAL, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Rescue Committee, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Mercy Corps, Near East Foundation, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), Plan International, Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP).
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners to urgently share needs on Logistics services – Kassala, Gedarif and the refugee camps.• Partners operating in the refugee camps to share information on pipeline and distribution to avoid duplication.• WFP to explore possibility, if any, of availing benzine in Kassala and Gedarif.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Refugee Crisis in Kassala: Updates from UNHCR and partners2. Logistics services: Requirement from Partners3. AOB

1. Refugee Crisis in Kassala:

UNHCR

- Refugees are currently entering Sudan through Lugdi/Gedarif (10,698 persons) and Hamdayet/Kassala (19,977 persons) as of 18 November 2020. Another entry point is in Blue Nile (Algazira, Yagolo, Yabisher) which has received a total 678 individuals. As of 18 November 2020, the total number of new arrivals is 31,353. Overall, 45 percent children, 51 percent adult 4 percent elderly.
- A camp is established in Um Rakuba in Gedarif state. Upon arrival refugees receive Non-Food Items (NFI) before being transported to Um Rakuba camp where additional items are issued. High Energy Biscuits (HEB) have been delivered.
- Positioned 30 buses, and 10 to 15 trucks in the locations to assist the transportation of the refugees from border reports to camps.

- Water tanks have been positioned in the camps, to address the immediate needs of the people in Um Rakuba (15 to 20 tank delivered addition 10 tank as will be delivered).
- Warehouse installed in Gedarif and one in Kassala.
- Delivered full family kits.
- 480 shelter items have been ordered, an order has been placed 3,000 shelter kits and 3,000 shelter items will be ordered.
- UNHCR organizes airlift of 1,000 tents from Dubai. A challenge is the availability of aircrafts. Some will be used as communal shelters and others for the storage of supplies.
- Six vehicles were deployed from Khartoum to support staff, including one ambulance which ferries refugees from the border to the camp.
- Coordination meetings with the implementing partners in the camps are already put in place.
- UNHCR is in the process of establishing a contact for road passenger transportation.
- COVID-19: 50,000 masks were delivered to the entry points and issued to refugees upon entry in the country.

NCA

- In the process of purchasing WASH items.
- Checking for the possibility of exemptions on taxes and also visa for internationals staff coming to support the crisis.

UNHAS

- Due to the ongoing influx of Ethiopian Refugees in the Eastern Border of Sudan, WFP/UNHAS effectively launched daily flights to Kassala - Sunday to Thursday starting on 17 November and until further notice.
- Currently, humanitarian workers serving the refugees are flown to Kassala and must drive long distances by road to reach their final destinations.
- UNHAS is urgently exploring the possibility to base a helicopter in Kassala that would shuttle humanitarian actors between Kassala/Gedarif and the major refugee camps or as close as possible to the camps. UNHAS have also included in our request the plan to fly directly to Gedarif on fixed wing in order to reduce the 5-hour travel time between the two locations.
- In parallel with the above actions, WFP has submitted an operational approval letter to Sudan Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) as well as a verbal note to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) in order to facilitate basing the helicopter in the region as well as conduct direct flights to Gedarif.
- CAA has informed that there is a usable airstrip known as Sumsum within Gedarif state belongs to a private entity. UNHAS is engaging the private owner for the use of the airstrip.
- It is anticipated that in the coming week, UNHAS will receive the requested approvals.

UNICEF

- Dispatched over the weekend two trucks of 50 mt of WASH and Health supplies to Kassala and Gedarif to the State Ministry of Health (MoH), staff area already in ground in Kassala and Gedarif, for onward deliveries to the camps will be to the camps. Another truck was dispatched on 18 November.

ICRC

- Team in Kassala for assessment, health team will also be joining, ICRC waiting for the mission report in order to decide the response.

WFP

- 103.7 mt of assorted food commodities which includes, cereal, salt, vegetable oil, HEBs, Corn Soya Blend plus (CSB+), and pulses, have been delivered to the camps.
- WFP issued the following NFIs from its stocks to UNHCR - **Hamdayat**: water tanks (20), cooking pots (50), plastic pallets (20). **Um Rakuba**: water tanks (50), cooking pots (200) and plastic pallets (50).
- Three Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) with a total capacity of 1,000 mt have been erected in Kassala in readiness to support prepositioning of food for the response and partners storage requirements.
- Three MSUs have been handed over to UNHCR in Um Rakuba and will issue one more to UNHCR for Village 8.
- A commercial dedicated fleet has been contracted to support in transportation of cargo in Kassala to the camps.
- WFP fleet is currently uplifting HEB from Khartoum to Kassala for the response.
- Requesting agencies to share any information on road conditions.
- Adequate fuel stocks have been secured, mobile tanks, 20,000 litres each have been positioned in Kassala and Gedarif for ease of replenishing fuel as required.

IRC

- Will be on ground in Gedarif and Kassala for assessment, next week.
- IRC will also be looking into warehousing space within WFP.

Plan International

- Conducted an assessment and delivered five water tanks as well as masks.
- Planning to deliver NFIs and will require support from WFP in transportation.

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2. AOB

- Partners agreed to hold weekly meetings due to the crisis.
- Next meeting will be held on **26th November 2020 at 10:00.**

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