
LOCATION	Khartoum, Sudan
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CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	American Refugee Committee, Catholic International Development Charity (CAFOD), EMERGENCY, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Muslim Aid, Plan International, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO)
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OCHA to consolidate fuel requirements by humanitarian agencies in North Darfur and share with WFP to guide fuel allocation to North Darfur.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. WHO COVID-19 Partners Platform2. Update on the Gaps and Needs Analysis Exercise3. AOB

1. WHO COVID-19 Partners Platform

- Participants were given a presentation on the WHO COVID-19 Partners Platform by the focal point, Dr. Hala.
- The WHO COVID-19 Supply Portal is a purpose-built tool to facilitate the request of critical supplies by national authorities and all implementing partners supporting COVID-19 national action plans. Those requests will then be assigned to purchasing agencies of the Purchasing Consortia that can execute the order and process it, utilising their existing ordering systems.
- A catalogue of items that can be requested is available and is broadly divided into three categories: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Diagnostics and Clinical Management. It is accessed via the [COVID-19 Partners Platform](#).
- The Control Tower is the central interface where country demand, partner procurement mechanisms, and logistics/distribution come together. The Control Tower manages execution of allocation against the principles and strategy provided by the Task Force/Consortia. This includes reviewing requests, mapping available supplies, allocating available supplies to requests, and identifying a supplying agency to fulfil allocation.
- The Control Tower will make sure that the committed requests trigger the delivery. Applications must be approved by the platform's Country Administrator/s. Once approved, log in and follow the link to the COVID-19 Supply Portal.

- Every approved stakeholder who has an active role in the COVID-19 preparedness and response action plan can sign up to the COVID-19 Supply Portal. This includes government agencies, UN agencies, and NGOs. All requestors must be legally permitted to import supplies.
- Once registered, implementing partners can request essential supplies in a streamlined process.

2. Update on the Gaps and Needs Analysis Exercise

- The exercise has been completed; 15 agencies were interviewed. Work on analysis and extraction of the data will begin and the aim is to complete this in two weeks' time.
- The goal will be to continue compiling more substantial information on potential gaps, particularly for coordination and information management, to make sure that the needs expressed by partners are in line with the cluster mandate.
- The document will also support consolidation of partners' logistics plans considering the volatile situation, which has an impact on the physical access to areas within Sudan.
- The Logistics Cluster Concept of Operation will support the WFP Country Office in developing the Logistics Cluster strategy and possible exit strategy in addition to supporting the implementation of proposed activities, coordination and information management. The document will also support the WFP Country Office in advocating for funding.
- There is a need to explore modalities to expand coordination beyond Khartoum and to maximise use of existing storage.
- Initial findings point out a need for common transport and storage services in Khartoum and field level.
- A demand for information sharing, especially on customs regulations, and strengthened coordination among agencies was also expressed, as well as capacity strengthening of government counterparts.

3. AOB

- Concerns have been raised by humanitarian agencies operating in North Darfur on the challenges in obtaining fuel. With the United Nations-African Union Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) set to withdraw, the situation could be exacerbated, as most agencies have been obtaining fuel from UNAMID.
- It was enquired what measures or support WFP could offer to avail fuel in adequate quantities in El Fasher (and/or other identified locations). The participants proposed to compile the fuel requirements from the agencies in North Darfur in order to guide fuel allocation or any other necessary actions.

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