
LOCATION	Khartoum, Sudan – Online
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CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	Alight, Catholic Relief Services, Concern, EMERGENCY, International Committee of the Red Cross, Medair, Mercy Corps, Médecins sans Frontières Spain, Near East Foundation, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, PLAN, Triangle Generation Humanitaire, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Children's Fund, World Food Programme and World Vision.
ACTION POINT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners are encouraged to share their lists of reliable suppliers and other logistical information that could be useful to other partners. The Logistics Cluster will consolidate and share the information received with all partners.• The Logistics Cluster seeks partners' feedback on the regularly shared Access Constraints Map, including additional logistical information that could be featured on this product.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. COVID-19 – Operations and Logistics2. Rain Season and Flooding Situation3. Partner Overview: Triangle Génération Humanitaire's Activities and Logistics Operations in Sudan4. Any Other Business

1. COVID-19 – Operations and Logistics

- Intercommunal clashes in Port Sudan started on 9 August and have resulted in 30 deaths and 19 persons injured as of 12 August. In coordination with concerned partners, OCHA is planning an on-site assessment of the situation and the needs caused by the ongoing unrest.
- A cVDPV2 (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus type 2) outbreak in Sudan was declared on 9 August following two confirmed cases in Gedaref and South Darfour States. In response to the outbreak, three vaccination scenarios are currently under discussion: (i) Vaccination campaign in the two affected States (i.e. Gedaref and South Darfour); (ii) Vaccination campaign in the two affected States and surrounding States; and (iii) Country-wide vaccination campaign. The target population varies between 5 and 9 million people depending on the scenario that will be opted for.

Partner update:

- UNICEF received on 12 August its biggest shipment to date of Personal Protective Equipment in support of the Federal Ministry of Health's COVID-19 response and intended for the protection of health personnel working on the frontline. A portion of the 58 MT material received will also be used towards the response to the recent cVDPV2 outbreak.

2. Rain Season and Flooding Situation

- The Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) reported that 275,000 persons across 16 States were affected by floods as of 17 August.
- Gaps and needs at State level are still being consolidated, with cross-sectoral assessments have been identified as a priority.

Partner update:

- UNICEF has dispatched 60 MT of WASH supplies to Damazin area in response to the flooding situation in this part of the Blue Nile state.

3. Partner Overview:

Triangle Génération Humanitaire (TGH)'s Activities and Logistics Operations in Sudan

- Present in Sudan since 2004, TGH operates in Central Darfur and West Darfur through six bases. The main programmatic areas of the organisation are WASH, education, food security, provision of
- Non-Food Items and shelter. To learn more about TGH's operations in Sudan, click on [this link](#).

Logistical challenges and constraints faced by TGH during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Procurement: the ongoing inflation is affecting prices negatively on the local market. In addition, borders closing during the national lockdown limited the availability of supplies and caused most suppliers to sharply reduce commercial transactions. As a result, multiple suppliers were needed to meet the demand of one simple procurement as opposed to one supplier needed in normal time. Despite these procurement-related barriers, TGH was able to maintain an effective operational response.
- Fuel access: like most humanitarian organizations operating in Sudan, access to fuel has been a significant challenge for TGH, both in Khartoum as well as in the West Darfur and Central Darfur where the organization has its programs. After exploring different options, TGH had to procure fuel on the black market for its field offices and was able to access WFP fuel supply service for its Khartoum headquarter.
- Transportation: The transportation of material procured in Khartoum to THG's field offices has been very difficult. The closure of HAC during the lockdown delayed the authorisation required to move cargo. TGH then turned to WFP transportation services but continued to face challenges in securing HAC's approval which was also required under this new scenario.

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- In the context of the aforementioned constraints, TGH strived to meet the needs of its beneficiaries during the COVID-19-related lockdown and maintain continuity of its logistical operations.

4. Any Other Business

- World Vision raised the issue of the lengthy and complex process of securing HAC's approval for the dispatch of humanitarian cargo in-country. The Sudan Logistics Cluster is going to liaise with OCHA who is the main focal point to discuss this matter with HAC.
- International Medical Corps mentioned that they had been able to reduce the transportation time of cargo from Khartoum to the field by initiating early contact with HAC for upcoming transportation requests and providing Federal HAC with final destinations of cargo (as opposed to intermediary destinations such as warehouse hubs in State capital cities).
- The [latest version of the Access Constraints Map](#) was recently shared. The Logistics Cluster welcomes partners' feedback regarding their interest in this map as well as additional logistical information that could be featured on it.
- As a reminder, updates on the COVID-19 situation in Sudan can be accessed on [OCHA website](#).

**The next Sudan Logistics Cluster coordination meeting
is scheduled on Thursday, 3 September 2020 at 10:00.**

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