
LOCATION	Khartoum, Sudan – Online
DATE	17 September 2020
CHAIR	Logistics Cluster
PARTICIPANTS	American Refugee Committee, CARE, EMERGENCY, International Aid Services, International Committee of the Red Cross, Norwegian Refugee Council, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Children's Fund, USAID and World Food Programme.
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners are encouraged to share with the Logistics Cluster road access information they come across, in order to update the physical access constraints map which is circulated weekly.• Custom clearance and in-country transport authorisations: Partners to share feedback with the Logistics Cluster regarding potential issues and bottlenecks faced in these areas.• Partners are asked to share with OCHA (Salah Koko - koko@un.org) the gaps and needs identified in areas affected by the floods as well as the types and quantities of relief supplies dispatched as part of their response activities.
AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Operational updates - COVID-192. Rain Season and Flooding Situation3. Partner Overview: INGO EMERGENCY's activities and logistics operations4. WFP Fuel Access Service5. Any Other Business

1. Operational updates - COVID-19

- The latest reported numbers for COVID-19 show a reduction of new cases in the country. The laboratories' testing capacity continues to steadily increase since last April.
- The COVID-19 related curfew was completely lifted on 16 September.

2. Rain Season and Flooding Situation

- Over 700,000 people are now affected by floods.

From 14 September's OCHA/Inter Sector Coordination Group on floods and 16 September's Flood Task Force meetings:

- As the Government's response capacity at State level is limited, the mobilisation of humanitarian agencies and organisations in affected States is critical.
- Emergency airlifts from various countries, including Egypt, Qatar and United Arab Emirates, are expected to bring relief supplies in the coming days. The lack of visibility regarding the details of expected supplies and their allocations is a challenge.
- Partners are invited to share with the Logistics Cluster their pipeline of relief items, if any, as well as any support they may need in terms of in-country transportation and storage. The Logistics Cluster will follow up on requests received and do its best to accommodate needs expressed.
- The critical response areas are:
 - **Health:** The overall health situation has particularly deteriorated in the following states: Northern, River Nile, Kassala, Sennar, White Nile, Blue Nile and North Darfur. In these States, a number of health centres have been reported to be either partially or fully damaged. There are not critical gaps in terms of supplies beside an urgent need for anti-malaria bed nets.
 - **Shelter:** The identification of gaps for this response area is an issue at Khartoum State level.
 - **WASH.**

To a lesser extent, Food Security and Protection are also response areas of focus for the current humanitarian response.

- An emergency response centre to be led by the Government will soon be created in order to strengthen the integration and coordination of the humanitarian response. The centre will be activated during the period of the recently declared State of Emergency and it will be structured around four cells: Planning, Logistics, Operations and Communications. The Logistics Cluster and WFP would be the supporting entities for the Logistics cell (To be confirmed). More details on the activation and operational modalities of the centre should be available next week.

Partner updates:

- In Sennar State, UNICEF has carried out various interventions in Sinja locality: vaccinations against measles; distribution of soaps, jerricans and chlorine to 10,790 people; and the cleaning schools to be used as shelters for affected populations. In addition, Assorted Acute Water Diarrhoea (AWD) kits, Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) kits, and anti-malarial treatment and RUTF were also allocated to affected areas in the State. In Blue Nile State, UNICEF supported the State Ministry of Health for the distribution of WASH essential items to 706 affected families. In White Nile, WASH supplies were provided to 8,100 affected people in Tandalti (Donolawia, Elkitera) and Guli (Um Okaz, Wad Sakak and Dabat Hamra) localities.
- Norwegian Church Aid is preparing the distribution of mosquito nets, blankets and plastics sheets to over 150 households in Khartoum State.

3. Partner Overview: INGO EMERGENCY's activities and logistics operations

- EMERGENCY is an Italian NGO which action is guided by the four core humanitarian principles. The organisation's goal is to provide free-of-charge, high quality medical and surgical treatment to the victims of war, landmines and poverty.
- EMERGENCY's medical areas of intervention are medicine, surgery and rehabilitation. The organisation's approach is to build up lasting medical facilities in the countries where it operates with the intent to hand over the facilities, once up-and-running, to local communities. EMERGENCY's activities are guided by the following pillars: quality, equality and social responsibility.
- EMERGENCY's presence in Sudan dates back to 2004 while the opening of Salam Centre in Khartoum, EMERGENCY's largest operation in Sudan, took place in 2007. In 2019, the organisation performed 4,639 cardiac examinations and 556 operations in Sudan.

Logistics operations

- EMERGENCY's logistics operations focus on the support to the medical activities of the facilities as well as national and international staff in Sudan. Security is central to EMERGENCY's approach to logistics and is grounded in the gathering and analysis of information collected through both formal and informal channels. The goal of EMERGENCY's strong emphasis on security and risk management is to ensure staff safety and continuity of operations.
- The bulk of EMERGENCY's procurement in Sudan (around 70 percent), including for medicines, is conducted locally while the rest of the supplies needed for operation is mainly procured in Italy. EMERGENCY's procurement activities are not spared by the challenges caused by the current inflation and the restrictions on imports due to COVID-19.
- The day-to-day of EMERGENCY's logistics revolves around the following activities: Transportation of national staff (buses running 7/7 to ensure uninterrupted work shifts), Store management and material flow, Food management (15,000 to 17,000 meals served monthly at Salam Centre), Hospital maintenance services (performed by trained national staff), and Cleaning and waste disposal.

4. WFP Fuel Access Service

- WFP depots in Kassala and El Obeid are scheduled to receive new stocks of fuel at some point within the week of 20 September. Fuel was recently received in El Fasher while fuel for Geneina and Nyala is in transit.
- Khartoum depot is currently distributing fuel on a partial basis due to low level of stock at this location.

Reminder regarding fuel access modalities

WFP is requesting partners using its fuel service to comply with the below modalities, including the importance to submit requests in the month preceding the one they wish to be supplied.

1. All fuel requests for the following month **need to be submitted in the last week of the current month**. This means that fuel requests for September should be submitted around the week of 25th August.
2. One Pro-Forma Invoice (PFI) per agency will be issued within any given month. **Several fuel requests within the same month are discouraged**. However, fuel can be collected in desired quantities during that month. Kindly note that the PFI goes through a process for approval hence ample time is required for this to be completed.
3. A PFI is valid for one month only with the validity period always indicated in the PFI.
4. Each service user is requested to **return a signed copy of the PFI to WFP**.
5. **In Khartoum, fuel coupons will be issued from 9 am to 11:30 am from Sunday to Thursday**.
6. **A fuel coupon is valid for only two days**. If fuel is not collected within this period, then the coupon will be cancelled, and the agency will need to get a new coupon.
7. Each agency is required to have only one focal point with one alternate for matters related to fuel.
8. Partners are kindly requested to not deposit payment until the PFI is approved by both parties.
9. When sharing the payment confirmation, partners should ensure to also share the PFI for which the payment has been made against.

5. Any Other Business

- Partners are encouraged to consult [OCHA's Humanitarian Response webpage for Sudan](#) to access information and reports across sectors on the humanitarian community's response in the country.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to be interested in receiving additional detailed feedback from partners regarding their experiences with custom clearance as well as in-country transport authorisations. The information received will be shared and discussed with OCHA.

**The next Sudan Logistics Cluster coordination meeting
is scheduled on Thursday, 1 October 2020, at 10:00.**

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