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<b>LOCATION</b>	Khartoum, Sudan – Online
<b>DATE</b>	26 November 2020
<b>CHAIR</b>	Logistics Cluster
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	American Refugee Committee (ARC), Concern World Wide (CWW), Global Logistics Cluster, International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC), Mercy Corps, Near East Foundation, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), Shelter Box, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Welthungerhilfe (WHH), World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision.
<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UNFPA to reach out to UN agencies to identify potential existing Long-Term Agreement (LTA) that could be leveraged for distributions</li><li>• UNHAS to share Needs Assessment to all agencies responding to the Ethiopian refugee crisis on the ground.</li><li>• Partners requested to share information of the number of vehicles from their agencies operating in Kassala and Gedarif for planning purposes in terms of fuel requirements.</li></ul>
<b>AGENDA</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Logistics Needs and Gaps</li><li>2. Refugee Crisis in Kassala: Updates from UNHCR and agencies</li><li>3. UNHAS - update</li><li>4. AOB</li></ol>

## 1. Logistics Needs and Gaps

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- Partners enquired on the availability of fuel in Kassala and Gedarif, WFP confirmed adequate fuel stocks in both locations. Partners were requested to share information of vehicles operating in Kassala and Gedarif with WFP for planning purpose.
- There was information on delays in cargo clearance in Ports Sudan, World Food Programme (WFP) and International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC) informed that currently there were no delays. ICRC has two shipments currently under clearance with no issues reported so far.
- It was also clarified that road transport is not a challenge from Kassala and Gedarif, however a ferry is being utilized to cross the river to and from Village 8 which is causing delays.
- An updated General Logistics Map, showing locations of the refugee camps, condition of roads to the camps, and warehouse capacities within the camps has been created and posted on the Logistics

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Cluster webpage: <https://logcluster.org/map/sudan-general-logistics-planning-map-30-november-2020>

## 2. Refugee Crisis in Kassala: : Updates from UNHCR and agencies

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### United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

- 50 buses are currently on the ground for transportation purposes from Hamdayat to Um Rakuba.
- There were two water tankers in Um Rakuba, of which one has been removed. UNHCR will obtain more information on this and share it with partners. One water tanker has been placed in Village 8. A new warehouse has been contracted in Gedarif and is now operational. A consignment of 12,000 Core Relief Items (CRI) kits (for 60,000 persons) was prepositioned.
- UNHCR is working on emergency airlifts. The first one is scheduled in the morning of 27 November with assorted CRI (such as blankets, mosquito nets, plastic sheets, solar lamps). Another airlift will be on 28 November with about 1,800 family tents. Strategy for Commission of Refugees (COR) will be to bring tents and to settle shelter needs of the arrivals as they will work with construction for local shelters
- Currently planning for eight emergency flights to deliver the requirements. Additional confirmed flights will be arriving on 28 November, 30 November and 1 December.
- Resources on the ground were also utilised to support the South Sudanese and flood affected populations.
- Working to bring in additional vehicles as the operation is low in vehicle. Around 125 vehicles are en-route to Port Sudan but due to congestion at the port, might take about 40 to 50 days to arrive. Looking into sending vehicles through the emergency flights for about 24 vehicles.
- UNHCR's Principal Emergency Coordinator is in the country and will supervise the Kassala operations.
- UNHCR High Commissioner to arrive on 26 November in response to the crisis.

### World Food Programme (WFP)

- 930mt of assorted food commodities, have so far been delivered to the camps.
- Three Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) with a total capacity of 1400mt have been erected in Kassala to support food prepositioning for the response and partners storage requirements. A capacity of 20 percent will be dedicated to inter-agency storage.
- Commercial dedicated fleets have been contracted to support in transportation of relief cargo from Kassala and Gedarif.
- Two MSUs have been erected in Village 8. One MSU is assigned for UNHCR use and one to food storage.
- In Um Rakuba five MSUs have been erected: two MSUs for storage of WFP food, two for UNHCR and one MSU for inter-agency use. The access will be managed by WFP.
- Arrangements have been completed to send two prefabs for WFP office space to Village 8 and Um Rakuba.

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## **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

- Currently no structures on the ground, all the activities are carried out through cooperating partners
- Delivered 8,000 dignity kits directly to distribution points in Hamdayat, Village 8 and Um Rakuba. Another 1,800 kits will be delivered using the same modality. The kits will be distributed as soon as possible.
- UNFPA faces challenges in ground transportation since there is no common UN Long Term Agreement (LTA), consequently, the agency needs to raise a tender every time the service is needed. UNFPA enquired if any agency has an LTA for transport services that it could leverage for distributions.

## **Concern World Wide (CWW)**

- Currently in the process of gathering information, the CWW team is already on the ground in Um Rakuba camp and working with Welthungerhilfe (WHH).

## **Première Urgence Internationale (PUI)**

- Will be travelling to Um Rakuba camp to conduct assessment.

## **International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (ICRC)**

- Assessment teams are now returning to Khartoum, the last team is expected next week.
- Planning to deliver Non-Food Items (NFIs) and will require support from WFP in transportation.

## **3. UNHAS - Update**

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- UNHAS continues to offer daily flight from Khartoum to Kassala.
- Received approval to base helicopter operations from Kassala. The helicopter will serve the region and transport the humanitarian workers between Kassala, Gedarif and Um Rakuba.
- The helicopter has been taken from El Obeid (where it was operating in the Two Areas states) leaving a gap. UNHAS is working to obtain another helicopter to fill this gap.
- Needs assessment will be sent to all agencies who are on ground responding to the Ethiopian refugee crisis, which will inform the schedule and destinations agencies need to reach. A schedule will be published and circulated once the assessment is completed.

## **4. AOB**

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- Participants suggested to invite an officer from WFP to the meeting for a 5 minutes brief to the participants on the security situation in the camps.

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# Meeting Minutes, 26 November 2020

Khartoum, Sudan



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**Next meeting will be held on 3 December 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

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