Meeting Minutes, 21 January 2021
Khartoum, Sudan

LOCATION Khartoum, Sudan – Online

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CHAIR Logistics Cluster


ACTION POINTS

• Partners are kindly requested to notify UNHCR, prior to sending Core Relief Items to Tenaydba for harmonizing the Core Relief Items delivery and avoid duplication; to use the resources more efficiently and accurate reporting purposes.

AGENDA

1. Logistics Needs and Gaps
2. Refugee Crisis in Eastern Sudan and Geneina Crisis: updates from agencies
3. AOB

1. Logistics Needs and Gaps

• The World Food Programme (WFP) continues to avail fuel to humanitarian agencies at full cost recovery. 61 agencies have valid fuel Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with WFP.
• Storage needs have increased in Khartoum and Gedarif. WFP has increased capacity in Khartoum and Kassala and the contract for a warehouse in Gedarif was completed and now ready for use.

2. Refugee Crisis in Eastern Sudan: updates from agencies

United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

• As of 3 January, refugees started to move from the reception point in Hamdayet to Tenayba refugee camp.
• Work is in progress for the flood prevention preparation in Tenaydba. Topographic survey is ongoing followed by the site planning for drainage/canal system.
• Core Relief Items (CRI) for the upcoming rainy season is being prepositioned in the refugee camps.
• Partners are requested to notify UNHCR, prior to sending CRI to Tenaydba for harmonizing the CRI delivery and avoid the duplication; to use the resources more efficiently and accurate reporting purposes.
• Experiencing challenges related to Custom clearance at Khartoum Airport. The obtention of permits by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) as well as the custom processes are challenging, and the process is taking longer than usual.

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Geneina crisis
- UNHCR is consolidating items to support crisis in Geneina and will arrange to transport these items.

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
Ethiopian refugee crisis:
COVID 19/COVAX
- UNICEF is the procuring agent for the COVAX vaccine.
- Technical committees which included World health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF has been working on the distribution plan.
- Country currently working on the logistics of movement of the vaccine and distribution.
- Tentatively the vaccine is expected in the country in April/May.

Geneina crisis
- Geneina response to send supplies like medicine, Life-Saving Commodities.

WFP
Ethiopian Refugee crisis
- One Mobile Storage Unit for storage of food has been erected in the new site of Tenaydba, while addition 2 will be erected in the coming week, and one will be allocated for partners’ use for temporary storage of Non-Food Items (NFI) within the camp.

Geneina crisis
- In Geneina, curfew now begins from 6 pm to 7 am daily.
- All trucks destined to Geneina are currently waiting in Zalingei, Central Darfur.
- Supported Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) in transporting NFI and food to Geneina, truck is expected to arrive in Geneina early next week.
- Under the Pillar 8 working group, to support the COVAX, WFP has positioned refrigerated containers in Khartoum, Kassala and Port Sudan, to support movement of the vaccines when required.

Next meeting will be held on 28 January 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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