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Khartoum, Sudan – Online

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PARTICIPANTS
CARE International (CARE), Catholic International Development Charity (CAFOD), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Aid services (AIS), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF-Spain), Mercy Corps, Near East Foundation (NEF), Medair, Solidarités International (SI), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Welthungerhilfe (WHH), World Vision (WV)

ACTION POINTS
- Organisations experiencing challenges with customs and clearances to contact United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- Partners to reach out to UNHAS on planning for the rainy season and possible support required.

AGENDA
1. Logistics Needs and Gaps
2. Refugee Crisis in Eastern Sudan and Geneina Crisis: updates from agencies
3. WFP Updates and Fuel Presentation
4. AOB

1. Logistics Needs, Gaps and Challenges
   - The main challenge currently is lack of fuel, impacting transport capacity and movement of goods.

2. Ethiopian refugee crisis and the Geneina crisis: Updates from agencies

United Nations High Commission (UNHCR)
- UNHCR has sent 2010 new tents to Teneitba to expand capacity, additional tents are available in stock and dispatch is ongoing.
- Additional tents and prefabricated warehouses have been dispatched to the East.
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- UNHCR is working with Save the Children in Blue Nile, however, there have been challenges related to storage. Save the Children is working on patching a Rub Hall to be used for prepositioning of much needed items.

- In the Eastern Operation and Blue Nile 1500 tents are planned to be moved between end of this or early next week, along with an additional two Rub Halls. Planning for the prepositioning of 20000 family kits (blankets, mats etc.).

- Fuel shortages are causing some disruption to transport operations. UNHCR has an arrangement with WFP, but the hauling and storage capacity of UNHCR for fuel is low. Drums are being used to move fuel between Kassala and Gedarif. UNHCR is looking into the possibility of expanding facilities for fuel storage.

- Four air flights received on 11 February in Khartoum carrying core relief items.

**United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)**

- Medical supplies and tents that were dispatched have arrived in Gedarif.

- Two trucks with medical supplies have been dispatched to Gedarif.

- 8000 blankets, 500 sleeping mats and 12 tents were dispatched to Geneina from Khartoum as part of Child Protection operations.

- Teachers’ kits, student kits, uniforms, blackboards, tents for temporary learning and recreation kits have been dispatched to Geneina. Some items are still in transit while others have arrived.

- To date the following have been dispatched to Geneina: IMCI kits, Primary Health Care (PMC) kits, malaria kits, Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RTD), Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS), midwifery kits, bednets (already arrived), Iron & Folic Acid (IFA) and Intravenous Emergency Health kits (IHK), renewable and basic units. Some items already received, while others still in transit.

- To date the following WASH items have been dispatched to Geneina: 40 drums of liquid chlorine, 40 cartons of chlorine tablets, plastic water tanks, submersible pumps and solar panels have been dispatched, some have already arrived, while others are in transit.

- UNICEF is still receiving release orders for Geneina and has submitted Service Request Forms (SRF) for supplies to be dispatched to both Geneina and Gedarif in the coming week.

**Welthungerhilfe (WHH)**

- 3290 Non-food item (NFIs) including kitchen sets, bedding, mosquito nets, blankets, maps distributed.

- 1210 Dignity kits distributed.

**UNHAS**

- Access constraints for flights to Gedarif are in place till 12 April.

- UNHAS requested feedback from partners as to what is expected from them during the rainy season for Tenaitba and suggested holding bilateral discussions to discuss plans.

- Potential disruption to flights and access constraints are being monitored.

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• On Blue Nile a note verbale has been submitted to relevant authorities to discuss access for flights to various destinations. Feedback is expected next week and will be shared with partners. Currently there are two flights to Damazine per week.

• On 24 February Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on light cargo transport was shared with partners. The process is quite elaborate, guidance has been sent out and UNHAS suggests partners get in touch with their flight focal points to get more feedback on how to send cargo out.

3. Updates from WFP and Presentation on Fuel

• There is limited storage capacity in some areas, for non-food items (NFI) it occasionally takes too long for agencies using WFP storage facilities to collect their items. Recently a request from a partner could not be accepted due to lack of space available.

• WFP shared a presentation on fuel management with Logistics Cluster partners. Fuel shortages have been ongoing since end of 2017, with WFP providing a schedule of deliveries to the suppliers based on storage capacity at Area Offices on a full cost recovery basis. Points mentioned included a significant increase in fuel requirements from humanitarian actors with, to-date, 65 humanitarian actors accessing the fuel – the fuel is meant only for office generators and light vehicles to ensure operations are not interrupted. WFP shared details on how to access fuel, current challenges and statistics with partners. The Logistics Cluster is sharing the full presentation with partners for reference.

4. AOB

• In response to a question from partners on Service Level Agreement clauses, WFP clarified that a 100% down payment is required for fuel as per the Proforma invoice (PFI).

• For Zalingei only small quantities of fuel can be released, for Geneina release of larger quantities are possible.

• WFP is planning to transition to a web-based application for fuel management that will allow partners to directly input requests for fuel and view the PFI before it is submitted to them. The current email-based system has created some challenges which, it is expected, will be addressed by the new system.

The next meeting will be held on 11 March 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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